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Merl R. Eppse
Negroes Need Disciples Bible College

MEET OUR EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Mrs. H. B. Marx

Mrs. H. B. Marx is executive secretary of Missionary organizations of The United Christian Missionary Society of Disciples of Christ. In this capacity she is responsible for the leadership of 4,500 missionary organizations with a membership of 140,000. Before her recent call to this position, she was president of both the Colorado Woman’s Christian Missionary Society and of the Colorado Council of Church Women.

As Thelma Underwood, Mrs. Marx was graduated from Christian College, Columbia, Mo. After her marriage she was a leader in all phases (Continued on Page 2)

MEET A LEADER

Mrs. Georgia Miller

One of the most wholesome influences for college people of Nashville, Tennessee, is the beautiful, commodious and well-equipped College Inn at 2900 Centennial Boulevard, centrally located between Fisk University and Tennessee Agricultural and Industrial College.

Mrs. Georgia Miller, the owner and operator, is regarded as one of the outstanding cateresses of the South. She was in the employ of Mrs. Herbert Farrel, one of the wealthiest families of Nashville for years.

Mrs. Miller has also enjoyed the fellowship of Mrs. L. H. Durr, Nashville and Mrs. Florence Carrington, Miami, Florida as well as many other wealthy people. Coupled with her expertise in preparing good things to eat are eighteen years of devoted Christian Fellowship (Continued on Page 2)
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BIBLE COLLEGE

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School education, 9 have Bible Institute training, 29 have Junior College education, 14 with College training, 2 with graduate degrees, and 3 with some Seminary work. These minorities claim 15,376 members, 8,892 Sunday School pupils and raised $63,415.62 for local expenses and sent $3,635.21 to Unified Promotion for 1938-39. This makes an average for each church yearly $360.48. It is not a dollar per day and yet they sent to Unified Promotion an average of $20.12 for each church.

Professor Eppse found in his study that we had, according to the 1939 Year Book. 269 ministers and 521 churches with a membership of 45,392 and 17,122 Bibles. School students with an average giving to the U.C.M.S. of 12 cents per member. The mobility of the Negro shows that he is leaving the rural areas and going to the urban areas. Many factors are at the roots of this, but Peoples shows that of the 186 churches tabulated 107 were urban and 79 rural. However, the census showed that in 1930 the Negroes had 166 urban Christian churches and 327 rural.

Now what of all these figures? It is this, plain and simple. The Negro Disciples are dwindling up and nobody is doing anything about it. Dr. Smith reports 25 institutions cooperating with the Board of Higher Education with 18 of these providing training for ministers. Of these 18 institutions, only 4 admit Negroes to study for the ministry:— Drake, Eureka, Chapman and Butler. However, Butler has a policy of Negroes entering the Theological Department but limiting Negroes in all other departments. It is has been proven that the Disciples Divinity House has never admitted a Negro. There is not a Negro Disciple church in the State of Iowa, but the total Negro population is only 17,380. Therefore, Drake will admit Negroes but is out of the way. The policy about Negroes at Eureka and Chapman is well known.

The records show that Southern Christian Institute and Jarvis Christian College are now reaching the college level but they both are rural schools far removed from Negro trends. The reports show at Jarvis that they only have five inclined toward the ministry and Southern Christian Institute has seven. The cooperative House at Butler is closed and the Disciples Divinity House at Chicago does not admit Negroes.

What should Negro Disciples do? It is believed that on the Preston Taylor Estate, in Nashville, Tennessee, there should be started a Bible School. If you feel that something should be done—speak now by writing the Plea office with your suggestions and comments. The National Convention appointed a committee to study the situation. The above facts are for your guidance.

Mr. Wickizer and Mr. Peoples recommended $600 earned by the $10,000 held by the U.C.M.S. be used to support 8 students this year. Four of them are girls and four boys. The Brotherhood needs preachers. What is your suggestion. We have 13,000,000 Negroes and only a few over 5,000, 000 are in anybody’s church. Let us hear from you at once.

MEET A LEADER

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in the Jefferson Street Church of Christ. Her life is a benediction to Nashville and the college people.

Mrs. Miller is a member of the History Study Club of A. and I. State College which has a membership of 867; the Friday Review Club; the Economy Art Club; and the Garden Lovers Club. Along with her is her husband, Mr. Roy Miller, a devout member of the Brotherhood.

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of the work of Central Christian Church at Pueblo, Colo. Interest in her community drew her into places of leadership in such organizations as the YWCA, the PEO, and the New Century Club, on whose boards she gave many years of service. Her ability as a speaker brought her before many churches of Colorado, and her skill in the field of book reviewing gained for her a reputation as a reader constantly alive to the world, its activities and its needs.

For five years Mrs. Marx was a member of the Rocky Mountain Religious Education Council, and for six years was a member of the Board of Managers of The United Christian Missionary Society.

THE PASSING OF OUR MINISTERS

By C. H. Dickerson

Lexington, Kentucky

Sometime ago we wrote of the passing of Elders Evans and Martin, the former of Baltimore, Maryland, and the latter our own W. P. Martin of Tennessee. Reverend Martin and I held our greatest Kentucky meeting at Mt. Sterling for Brother Brown, raising at this time hundreds of dollars and taking into the church fifty-six additions.

Elder P. E. Pearson, who passed, was my classmate and with Brother E. Joseph Myers was a graduate of the first class of three members of the Louisville Christian Bible School, forty years ago. In writing of Brother Pearson, I do so as one who knew him well, respected and loved him. He came from Calhoun, Alabama. During his career he was known as a versatile man and according to our code of living may not have been as correct in some of his deeds as some. He left the ministry at one time but came back and pastored several churches. Death came to him suddenly during his pastorate at Warren, Ohio. His first churches were held at Milledgeville and North Middletown, Kentucky. He was loved by all. His largest pastorate was at Paducah, Kentucky. Pearson was known as a good thinker, and a logical and forceful speaker.

The recent and sudden death of Elder E. H. Allen was also a great loss. He, too, was a product of the Louisville Christian Bible School. As a preacher he was in the class with Brother Pearson. He was very deliberate and thoughtful in all his deliveries. In his many years of faithful service to the church he pastored only two churches, Louisville and Lawrenceburg, Kentucky. More than twenty ministers of Louisville were present at his burial. Everett, Floyd and I, “The Old Guard” were there.

Another pastor who has served well and whose burial was held December 31, 1940, was Elder Dee Bots of Fairview, Kentucky. His passing leaves Mayslick and Germantown, Kentucky without a minister. Brother Bots was a member of the delegation from Kentucky that motored to Little Rock, Ark., to attend the National Convention.

Our passing ministry reminds us to pray ye the Master to send laborers into the Vineyard. The song we chanted “One by One,” has sadly changed to “Two by Two,” and ere this New Year’s race is run, the bells may toll for me or for you.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. MARIA HANKAL

Born Aug. 27, 1848, Died Nov. 30, 1940

By ARATHA HANKAL

222 W. Market St.
Johnson City, Tenn.

“CROSSING THE BAR”

“Sunset and evening star
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no mourning
At the bar
When I put out to Sea.”
Among the foot-hills of Tennessee in a fertile valley surrounded and traversed by thrifty streams and stalwart Oaks, lived a sturdy family who thrived on the principles of their environment and embued with such elements as love, truth, honesty, and faith in their neighbors and God.

This family, the Netherlands, gave as branches five sons and four daughters, who found their way in directions as devious as the surrounding streams flowing through their valley.

Into this family came a maiden, charming and true—Maria L. Netherlands. When nineteen years old she met, loved and married Dr. H. B. Han- kkal.

All things great are made up of several units, each may form a nucleaus around which other branches are formed. And so came to their union ten children—nine daughters and one son. Being born is not enough; being well born is ideal. But there is yet more—This woman knew that to develop into full womanhood the spiritual as well as the physical powers must be trained. So with untiring zeal she spent her years teaching by precept and example the virtues of love, patience, kindness, generosity, humility, courtesy, unselfishness and sincerity.

We are not capable of painting a perfect picture of her, nor did she ever think her life a perfect one, but her failures were human frailty rather than mal-intention. We love her because she was human, and being human, she was able to touch, to feel, to suffer, to love and understand human ills and needs. Such has been her life—here a pause—her earthly career closes. She has done her work, human ills and needs. Such has been the promise now won she approaches the throne sure that a reward awaits her.

Can we not hear our Father say, "Well done, thou hast been faithful over few things, thy reward is now obtainable."

"For tho' from out our bourne of Time and place The flood may bear me far, I hope to see my Pilot face to face When I have crossed the bar."

JAMES EDWARD BANKS
Box 83, Bluefield, W. Va.

Elder Christopher Banks and his faithful wife came to Bluefield in 1903. They brought with them their son, "Jim Ed." That son has been a deacon and "mainstay" in the Jones Street Christian Church for 31 years.

When the Banks family came to Bluefield they found Elder J. Z. Thompson and his family struggling to establish a Christian Church. The two families worked shoulder to shoulder until that church was a reality.

James Banks was employed by the Norfolk and Western Railway Company at the age of thirteen—where he is still employed. His father died in a few years, leaving James to support a mother and two sisters. Brother Banks attended public school at Tazewell, Virginia, and later Bluefield Institute of Bluefield, West Virginia. He married Miss Bessie Tynes many years ago. They have no children of their own but their home has, for many years, been verily an "orphan's home." Some 12 or 15 children have made their homes with the Banks. Many, including Brother Bank's two sisters, were sent to high school and college. Both sisters attended Bluefield Institute and Piedmont Christian Institute.

Brother Banks has been a lodge man, having been an Elk, K. of P., and Golden Rule. He has traveled extensively, and usually finds a Christian Church wherever he goes. He has visited churches in Columbus, Cleveland, Chicago, New York, Baltimore, Knoxville, Reidsville, Winston-Salem, Roanoke, Martinsville, and other cities. He has attended National and International Conventions.

WHO'S WHO IN BLUEFIELD, WEST VIRGINIA

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR: ITS PROGRAM

By Cyril A. Robinson
6214 Indiana Avenue
Chicago, Ill.

In my opinion the program of the senior Christian Endeavor should follow a plan such as this:

1. One or two Sundays each month should be devoted to the study of Negro life and history. It should be constantly borne in mind that Negro history cannot be very profitably studied apart from general history. Some excellent material for these programs may be obtained from the Journal of Negro History, edited by Carter G. Woodson, 1538 Ninth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., published quarterly. Programs of this sort may be varied by the forum approach, the panel, or the topical assignment.

2. One Sunday each month should be devoted to the discussion of current events, including sports. Trends in the labor movement should be noted with special interest. Perhaps current events should be discussed more than once each month. Suppose we allow two Sundays a month when the month has five Sundays. Discussions like these should help us interpret contemporary life.

3. One or two Sundays each month should be devoted to the study of religion. Special attention should be directed to the teachings of the New Testament and the program of the church. These programs should include worship.

In addition to this brief program outline, I suggest that the program for one or two Sundays each month be lengthened to include an informal tea, or some other social event the local group may wish to have. Perhaps this feature should form a part of each Sunday's program, coming before or after the regular program.
AVALON CHRISTIAN CHURCH
PROGRAM
NIGHT AND DAY
By Ted LeBETHRON
Feature Writer, THE NEWS
Los Angeles, California
Nov. 22, 1940

Three years ago Baxter Carroll Duke, a Negro clergyman, head-
ing up the largest Negro congrega-
tion in Indianapolis, married. His
bride had been dean of women in
the Tennessee State College for Negroes
for five years. Prior to that she had
been a juvenile court probation offi-
cer in Chicago for seven years, and
knew all too well the problems of the
Negro youth.

They came to Los Angeles and soon
Rev. Duke was minister of the Avalon
Christian Church at 43rd Street and
Avalon Boulevard. Just a year ago
the Los Angeles County Coordinating
Councils gave that church the annual
distinguished service award for its
outstanding service to the community
and childhood in having reduced juve-
nile delinquency 80 per cent in the
area it served.

The Dukes did this in three years
time, an achievement without parallel
in this city. The area—a radius of
two square miles surrounding the Av-
on Church—had for many years
the dubious distinction, each
year, of having either the highest juve-
nile delinquency rate of any patch
of two square miles in the city's 450
square miles.

And how was this almost incredible
feat achieved? By integrating most
of the activities of the area—60 per
cent Negro, 40 per cent white—
around the church.

The secret is that the Avalon
Christian Church is open 24 hours a day,
7 days a week; that in a 42 room
building it serves the whole area, re-
gardless of race or creed, members
of many other churches as well as
non-church members using its varied
facilities such as clubrooms, social
halls, gymnasium, little theater and
banquet hall. The church is the hub
of the whole community, attempting
"to serve the whole need of the whole
man the whole week."

Eleven neighborhood racial groups
are served. They are Negroes, Japa-
nese, Russians, Germans, Chinese, Fil-
ippines, Jews, Indians and Norwegians.
The great majority are not members
of the Avalon Christian Church. Yet,
huriously enough, the 393 members
of the church, mostly Negroes, and
mostly very poor, finance the whole
program through the Sunday church
collection.

They, and their children, represent
only 10 per cent of those served, but
they willingly carry the whole load,
moved by the humble Christian spirit
and tireless energy of their clergy-
man and his wife. There is not one
Negro professional man, doctor,
lawyer or engineer in the congregation.
Most are clerics, laborers, waiters,
porters, cooks, barbers and so on.

The heart of the church, as Rev.
Duke calls it, is the prayer room
which never closes. It is the one room
open seven days and nights, all day,
all night. It is a very small draped
room, with an altar, candles, reading
lamp, Bible, hymnal, devotional lit-
ature, chair and rug. Only one per-
son at a time may go in to pray. All
through the day, all through the night,
there usually is an occupant.

That is the room in which all that
is accomplished is brought about, ac-

ting to Rev. Duke. And the ac-

ishment is on a well nigh stu-

pendous scale.

On every weekday the nursery
opens at 7 a.m., closes at 6 p.m. The
average daily attendance is 23 chil-
dren of working mothers. They are
given good, warm meals, cod-liver oil,
expert attention.

From 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. the din-
ing hall is open. From 150 to 400 per-
sons, mostly students, white and black,
from McKinley junior high school, are
fed each day free of charge.

From 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. the WPA
toy loan library branch is in full
swing. It has about 600 active toy
borrowers, 52 per cent of them Negro
children.

From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. music re-
sounds through many rooms. For one
thing, the church edifice is head-
quarters for the federal music proj-
ect in the area. This project, with
seven WPA music teachers, gives mus-
ic theory, piano, violin and vocal les-
sions to 300 children and adults. The
church’s own music department con-
stantly trains five choirs. Monthly
musicals are given in which singers,
violinists, pianists, organists, choirs,
 quartets, a symphonic orchestra, and
a swing band can participate.

Handicraft classes, classes in Braille
for the blind, civics and government,
religious instruction, evangelistic
training, literary group work, et-
iquette courses are carried on. Various
adult and youth clubs meet. Little
theater plays are given. Movies are
shown. Boy scout and girl scout groups
flourish.

Twenty-seven basketball teams use

the gymnasium as their "home
grounds." Most are interracial teams,
but there are all-Negro teams, an
all-Japanese team, and an all-Filipino
team. There are facilities outside for
tennis, badminton and volleyball. The
gymnasium opens at 2 p.m. and closes
at 10 p.m.

In the summer a church vacation
school is operated. Last summer there
were 17 teachers and 296 pupils.
The main auditorium features excellent
lectures, a forum, and a sort of town hall for threshing out neighborhood problems.

The finest flower of the work of Rev. and Mrs. Duke, even surpassing their achievement in virtually stamping out juvenile delinquency in an area long noted for it, is their achievement in race relationships.

The Alameda St. Christian Church, Nashville, Tenn. is their achievement in virtually incredible harmony. Not only the small children, but youths of high school age, and adults show no prejudices. Brotherhood is a fact, and no one has to strain for it, either.

The Dukes take no credit for this. They concede it might not be possible in a preponderantly white neighborhood, prejudice being held by whites against Negroes, whereas little prejudice is felt by Negroes toward whites.

The Dukes are now dreaming of the day when they can set up a free clinic and emergency hospital on the one hand; and a clean lodging house for homeless Negro migrants, "poor frightened crop followers just passing through," as they put it. These things are being prayed for in the prayer room.

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**CHRISTIAN PLEA SUBSCRIPTIONS AND RENEWALS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER**

**SUBSCRIPTION MONEY RECEIVED AT THE PLEA OFFICE**

1. Rev. J. E. Carlson, 5808 Westminster St., St. Louis, Mo. (New Renewal 1940-41) $1.00
2. Mrs. Ross Wicks, 1206 T St., N.W., Washington, D.C. (New Renewal 1940-41) $1.00
3. Miss Julia N. Hankal, 222 W. Market St., Johnson City, Tenn. Renewal 1941 1.00
4. Mrs. Mary M. Mahan, 710 Gay St., Nashville, Tenn. Sub. 1940-41)... $0.76
5. Mrs. J. W. Simms, 2503 Alameda Ave., Alameda Street Christian Church, Cleveland, Ohio 7 points
6. Elder J. Salvador Johnson, 8342 Oakland Ave., Detroit, Mich. Renewal 1940-41) 1.00
7. J. W. Miller, R. R. 1, Box 143, Moreland, Kentucky 3 points
8. Mrs. J. J. Green, 4563A Garfield St., St. Louis, Mo. (New Renewal 1940-41) 1.00
9. Dr. H. R. Jefferson, 403 2-1 Union St., Nashville, Tenn. (Sub. 1940-41) 1.00

**REPORTED BY MRS. WILLA ERVIN, 1543 Dunbar St., Knoxville, Tennessee.**

1. President W. R. Banks, Prairie View College, Marshall, Tex. (Sub. 1940-41) $1.00
2. Dr. W. R. Dogan, Wiley College, Marshall, Texas (Sub. 1940-41) 1.00
3. President J. J. Rhodes, Bishop College, Marshall, Texas (Sub. 1940-41) ... .75
4. Mrs. Bertha E. McMechen, 747 10th St., Boulder, Colorado (Sub. 1940-41) 1.00

**REPORTED BY W. J. JEFFREY AYERS, P. O. Box 446, Youngstown, Ohio.**

1. Richard Mitchell, 922 W. Federal St., Youngstown, Ohio (Sub. 1940-41) .75
2. Loy Haynes, 816 Covington Ave., Youngstown, Ohio (Sub. 1940-41) 1.00
3. Odessa Coleman, 270 Grant St., Youngstown, Ohio (Sub. 1940-41) ... .75
4. Mary Summer, 513 Arlington St., Youngstown, Ohio (Sub. 1940-41) 1.00
5. John Keyes, 66 S. Lanes Ave., Youngstown, Ohio (Sub. 1940-41) 1.00
6. Geraldine Thrushill, 627 Geary St., Youngstown, Ohio (Sub 1940-41) .75

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**HOME ECONOMICS TEACHER JOINS BROTHERHOOD**

Cathryn Virginia Bradford, B.S. Tennessee State College, Grant Work, Ohio State University.

January 5th was a great day at Lea Avenue Christian Church. Miss Cathryn V. Bradford, the talented and beautiful daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. Bradford of Birmingham, Alabama accepted the fellowship of the Brotherhood at Lea Avenue Church. Miss Bradford is an honor graduate of Industrial High School, Birmingham, Alabama, graduate of Tennessee State College and doing further graduate work at Ohio State College, Columbus, Ohio. Her social activities are partially expressed through the Home Economics Club; the History Study Club; the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority;YWCA and the Sigma Phi Psi Club. Lea Ave. Christian Church is proud to welcome this fine Christian young lady. We believe she will be a credit to the Brotherhood.

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**EDITOR EPPSE SPEAKS**

Alameda Street Christian Church, Nashville, Tennessee was the place where Prof. Merl R. Eppse, Chairman, Division of Social Studies, Tennessee State College and Editor of the Christian Plea was the guest speaker for Elder R. C. Mallory and his fine congregation. The editor was touched by the spirit of the occasion because it was Elder Mallory who received him into the church during his pastorate at the Gay St. Church.

The Alameda St. Christian Church is well situated in North Nashville, where a lighthouse for God should be established. It is the coming church of our Brotherhood in Nashville. Elder Mallory is blind, but he was educated at the School for the Blind and
at Knoxville College. He has been preaching for twenty years. He is known as one of the greatest spiritual singers in the Brotherhood.

The subject used by Prof. Eppse was, "Taking Inventory." He told of the blessings he had enjoyed during the past year and the good that we all could do if we practiced the tenets of the Christ.

A great Bible School will soon be going here and Elder Mallory will be called upon to build a greater Christian Church.

COLLEGE ACTIVITIES

JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
Hawkins, Texas

"AROUND THE CAMPUS"
By Miss Ventia O. Carney

The semester’s activities are retaining their accustomed tempo after the holiday lull. The student body and faculty were scattered over a wide area. The members of the faculty spent their Christmas in the following places: Miss H. M. Ware, Wellsville, Ohio; Mrs. L. Y. Amos, Shreveport, Louisiana; Miss J. M. Carpentier, Hot Springs, Arkansas, Mr. W. M. Payne, Indianapolis, Indiana; Mrs. O. S. Barker, Fort Worth, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Mosley and family, Fort Worth, Texas; Miss V. O. Carney, Topeka, Kansas; Mrs. C. A. Jennings, Hermansville, Mississippi, and Robert Hurdle, Greenville, Texas.

The library vacancy has been filled by Miss Alice Hilliard of Fort Smith, Arkansas.

The month of January holds an interesting church speaker’s schedule. The subjects and speakers are as follows:

January 5—Some Objectives for 1941
President P. C. Washington

January 12—The Inexhaustible God
Professor E. J. Dickson

January 16—Missionary Program

January 26—Marriage and Divorce
President P. C. Washington

Mrs. Ida Alexander of Fort Worth, Texas visited Mrs. Odessa Howard-Waters on December 30 and 31.

Mrs. Sue O’Dair is visiting her nephew, Mr. C. A. Berry, during the holiday season.

Basketball practice has begun with much enthusiasm under the direction and coaching of Professor W. M. Payne. It is hoped that many interesting games can be scheduled for the season. The team feels that it is about ready to challenge the best.

Semester examinations will begin January 24. Many are beginning to review so that any mental fog which may threaten can be eradicated.

President P. C. Washington made a trip to Chicago, Illinois, just before the holiday season to purchase books for the library. This year is supposed to mark a new day for the college library.

Old Santa Claus left Dean L. B. Smith a new 1941 Luxury Liner Dodge. Congratulations, dean.

Mrs. O. S. Barker played for the wedding ceremony of a former Jarvis student, Miss Lucy Mae Oliphant, on December 21, in Ferris, Texas. Miss Oliphant is now greeted as Mrs. L. J. Macdonald.

S. C. I. NEWS
By Miss Johnnie Howard

Pre-Christmas activities and programs on our campus were permeated with all of the joy befitting the season. On December 15th the Senior Christian Endeavor Society, under the direction of Miss Virginia Nichols, English instructor, presented the Christmas play, "The Christmas Blessing." On the following Tuesday night, the Music department under the very efficient direction of Mrs. L. E. Cousins brought to an appreciative audience of campus students and community friends, beautiful Christmas music that will live long in the hearts of the hearers. The Church Choir, in their new robes, added much to the evenings' enjoyment by their anthems. The Antiphonal singing of both glee clubs and choir was delightful. The two Christian Endeavor Societies sent a box of toys and financial assistance to the Singleton Orphanage in Kentucky. The Y. W. C. A. did its bit of spreading Christmas cheer by cleaning houses, and taking gifts and a Christmas tree to one of their adopted families.

Many faculty members and students spent the vacation days at home, others remained on the campus; all report a glorious time. The all-school banquet was held on Thursday, the 19th, the evening before vacation began.

Visitors on the campus during the holidays were Miss Young, an ex-staff member of S. C. I., who is now a Missionary in Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Frost and family; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lehman, Mrs. Allena Barnes; Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Behbout; Miss Myrtie Evans, and Mr. James Rat ten, a staff member who is studying this year at the University of Iowa. Because of political conditions in Japan our Missionaries are returning to the States, and Miss Lois Lehman was to have set sail on January 3.

We at S. C. I. are looking forward to a prosperous and successful year, and to the editor and readers of the Plea, we wish the same.

MISS JAMISON’S COLUMN

REPORT OF THE FUTURE WORK COMMITTEE
WOMEN’S DEPARTMENT
NATIONAL CONVENTION

We recommend:

1. That the Honor Roll be maintained with the following points of merit:
   (a) The society shall hold 12 monthly meetings with program.
   (b) The society shall hold 12 executive meetings.
   (c) Four quarterly reports shall be sent to the National Secretary (Miss Carnella L. Jamison, 222 Downey Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana.)
   (d) The society shall reach its national apportionment.
   (e) The society shall sponsor at least one organization for young people and one for children.
   (f) The society shall be represented in the state and national convention.

2. That the Loving Cup be awarded to the society on the Honor Roll which gives the largest percentage above its apportionment (according to its membership) for missions.

3. That the already established plan of representation be continued as follows:
   (a) Organized state $10.00.
   (b) Each local adult society $2.00.
   (c) Each young people’s or children $1.00.
   (d) Each adult society from an unorganized state $5.00.

4. That the society which does not represent, fully in the state convention will not be represented in the national.

5. That the missionary societies will take as the specific objective for increased regular giving (1940-41) six scholarships of $50 each totaling $300.00 to be used at S.C.I. and Jarvis.

6. That the missionary department of the National Convention select a delegate to attend the meeting of the National Council of the Church Women 1941.
7. That the Convention heartily approves the pre-Convention sessions and reemphasizes the importance of the Convention. We heartily endorse the pre-Convention sessions and recommend that they begin Monday evening closing Tuesday afternoon.

12. The pre-Convention session went on record as favoring a recommendation that a committee of three constitute the office of National Children's Workers with the nominating committee of the national work to select the name of the chairman.

13. We recommend that the women of the states take active interest in the social issues of the day as they greatly concern our welfare.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Pearl Allen, (Chrm.), Ohio
Mrs. A. M. Haygood, Ala.
Mrs. J. Kirkpatrick, Ky.
Mrs. Fannie Clark, Ill.
Miss Helen Henry, Tex.
Miss S. R. Shaifer, Miss.
Mrs. A. E. Gilmore, (Sec.), Mo.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

EVANGELISM

TENNESSEE STATE PRESIDENT REPORTS
20 Elmo Street
Johnson City, Tenn.

Much of the work of the State has been left to the State Secretaries and the time of the State President has been spent in various other states as follows:

1. Sept. 16-29—Little Rock, Ky.: 16 sermons, 9 acquisitions, $225.18 raised.
2. Oct. 8-13—Germanton, Ky.: 7 sermons, 6 acquisitions, $83.00 raised.
4. Nov. 3—Campbranch, Virginia: 2 sermons, 3 acquisitions, $7.15 raised.
5. Nov. 4-13—Martinsville, Virginia: 11 sermons, 2 acquisitions, $21.52 raised.

Total—60 sermons, 31 acquisitions, $289.90 raised.

At Roanoke, Virginia, Reverend Dickson is carrying on a fine work and has a good church building and a fine brick parsonage. Campbranch has a nice frame church. At Martinsville, Va., where Elder James Hairs-ton is pastor and the builder of the church, the colored people are doing well economically. Much work is available for them in the various factories and with the new defense program going into effect much more work will be given to them. The E. I. Du-pont people are planning a construction work which will cost $11,000,000.

In Stuart, Virginia, Elder Eugene Patterson and his good wife are hard at work. Winston-Salem, N. C. has two churches, Elder P. E. Carter, pastor of the Cleveland Avenue Church, who has installation services, and Elder R. L. Peters of the Spencer Memorial Church, who has just finished remodeling and putting in a new heating plant. North Tazewell, Va., also has two hard workers there in the persons of Reverend and Mrs. Patterson. On reaching Rogersville Tenn., the Fellowship Meet convened and Miss Ruth Martin was elected chairman.

THE TRI-STATE AREA RESPONDS TO AWAKENING OF NEW YEAR

By R. L. Peters
614 Hickory St.

Winston-Salem, N.C.

On December 31st, beginning at 8 P.M., the members of the Spencer Memorial Christian Church held their annual watch meeting, where they looked back over the happenings of the past year and looked forward to the promise of a brighter New Year. Their program consisted of devotions, a sermon by reverend McCarth Brown, election of officers, adopting a 1941 church budget and baptismal services. At five minutes till 12 o'clock midnight found the large audience present down on their knees in silent prayer to God.

At 12 o'clock they arose singing, "I Want to Be Among the Number When the Saints Go Marching In".

Of the Future, What?

Let the Saints in Christ everywhere and to all who represent the Negro Universal Convention of the Christian Churches (Disciples) in America, be loyal to God and to the Brotherhood, fulfilling every obligation.

How about the 100 league request of the President of our National Convention? I am mailing my first dollar to the National Treasurer today, and if the Lord wills, I intend to continue each month until the National Convention meets this year in Nashville, Tennessee. I suggest that the names of all who are members of this league and the amount they give be published monthly in the Christian Plea. I am very anxious to know that all ministers and laymen throughout the Brotherhood respond to this call (the men and women of the Tri-State Area in particular).

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ACTIVITIES OF THE BROTHERHOOD

CANTON CHURCH OF CHRIST
Elder S. J. Compton, Pastor
Minnie Watkins, Reporter
965 Carnahan Ave., N.E.,
Canton, Ohio

At the District Meeting held in Cleveland, Ohio, on December 9, 1940, 10 members from the Church of Christ were present. The reporting delegates were Misses Onell Bush, Minnie Watkins, Mr. Gus Bradley, and Mr. Henderson Bradley, State President of the Bible School. Other members were Mrs. Fannie King, General Secretary; Mrs. Henderson Bradley, Lois Bradley, Mordecai Compton and Lowell Compton. Elder Compton, our pastor, was also present and represented the Warren Church. The reports coming from the churches and their various organizations revealed that they are doing wonderful work and are striving to higher successes. Christmas Program Sunday night, December 29. The program was under the direction of Miss Onell Bush. The Junior Choir rendered the Program. Elder Johnston from Warren was present.

MONROE AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Mrs. Hannah Barnett, Reporter
Rev. C. W. Arnold, Minister
245 N. Monroe Ave., Columbus, Ohio

December was a great month for the church, on the first Sunday we had Woman's Day and over half of the National Apportionment was raised. New members are being added constantly to the church. A committee composed of Officers and representatives from the departments met with the pastor to draft the 1941 Program. The Program was presented to the church at its annual dinner Wednesday, January 8th.

The Christmas dinner served to the poor of the city by the members of the church and the well-wishing friends of the community—both colored and white—was a great success. Many grateful persons had a delicious dinner.

The young people's holiday party was held at the home of Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Arnold, 826 N. Champion Ave., with Mrs. Arnold as hostess. The Sunday School and young people presented a Christmas play entitled, "Kingly Gifts," under the direction of Mrs. Fisher and other teachers in the Sunday School.

Interest in the Missionary Society continues to grow. On the 19th of December a surprise Birthday party was given for Mrs. Arnold at the home of Mrs. A. Saunders. Many beautiful and useful presents were presented by those attending.

GEORGIA SPEAKS
By Lorenzo J. Evans
Gammon Theological Seminary
Atlanta, Georgia

Our churches of Georgia are moving forward under the leadership of their pastors. The Rev. H. J. Johnson, one of the leaders of the southern part of the state, stands at the crossroad as the prophets of old, pointing out, "This is the way." Alonzo Ross has recently been ordained to the ministry and we were proud to see this young man enter into this great field of service. Our church at Thomasville is moving forward under the leadership of the writer. He was also guest speaker at the Minister's Banquet of the city.

The Reverend D. T. Williams of Atlanta is carrying things forward in a spiritual way. We worshipped with him on the 8th of December. Mrs. W. A. Scott, Mrs. Walker of Atlanta, and Mrs. H. L. Herod also worshipped with him. Mrs. Herod was visiting her daughter who is a member of the faculty at Spellman College. I was very much impressed by the remarks given by Mrs. Herod when she said that "If her Church worshipped in a box car she wanted to worship there with them." It is those kind of Disciples that we need. Do we have the faith to worship with our brothers even though they may be serving in a small building? How often do our members fail to look up our churches when they visit large cities? Can we ever have churches of the type we would wish to have if this is going to be the attitude of our Disciples? I believe that there is only one way for us to build outstanding churches throughout the country and that is for all Disciples to have the spirit of Mrs. Herod, and in the spirit of Christ make the Church what He would have it to be.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Rev. P. K. Alexander, Pastor
Mrs. E. Esther Byers, Sec'y.
75 Cline Street
Concord, North Carolina

On Sunday, December 1st, the First Christian Church chartered a bus and took 35 people along with several private cars full and motored to Winston-Salem, North Carolina to worship at the Sencer Memorial Christian Church of which Reverend R. L. Peters is pastor. An afternoon and a night service was had and the pastor preached soul-stirring sermons. The choir rendered beautiful music.

The Missionary Circle of the Christian Church presented on Woman's Day the play entitled, "In Times Like These." The sermon was preached on Stewardship. The proceeds from this service have been properly distributed.

The Stewardess Club No. 1 has been successful this month along the financial and spiritual lines. Two home meetings have been held, also two sermons at the church. The leaders for the month of January are Mrs. M. L. Douglas and Mrs. E. E. Byers. They hope to make this a banner month.

ROBBIN STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH
By Miss Ruth Brown
330 Bush Street
Covington, Kentucky

The Sunday School gave a manish wedding to raise money for Christmas on December 12, Mrs. G. Woods was chairman.

The Sunset Harmonizers and other choirs rendered a program at the Robbin Street Christian Church, December 19, 1940, for the benefit of a club. Brother John Brown was chairman.

A Christmas tree for the children was held Sunday, December 22.

Miss Maggie Dubney and Brother William Jones were married December 8, 1940. Reverend L. L. Dickerson performed the marriage ceremony.

The Robbin St. Christian Church is getting along nicely with its pastor, Reverend L. L. Dickerson. He has been a great help since he has been in Covington.

MIDWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH
By Elder T. R. Everett
Midway, Kentucky

I began preaching here on July 16 and just moved here about three weeks ago. I came to fill the place of another brother who could not come, so I have been called to the pastorate of this old historic church of ninety years old, which has a long and continuous ministry through the years. Some of the best men in the brotherhood have pastored here and have done noble work for the Master. Those whom I recall are: I. H. Moore, R. E. Hathaway, Huffman, A. W. Davis, R. W. Watson, our National President and others have filled this pulpit. Some of these have answered the roll
call on the other side, and some of them are still in the trenches, but have not deserted the Army.

We have a splendid people here and the spirit of cooperation is given here with all of the churches, even the whites. We have three colored churches, Baptist, Methodist and Christian, all very closely allied. While we do not any of us practice open membership all feel free to worship in all of our churches just the same as if we were at home.

Two deaths have taken place here. Both good Christian people. Also upon a recent visit to Louisville, my wife and I called upon Elder E. H. Allen and while there he was stricken ill. I served and ministered in every way possible and called a doctor. At ten the next morning he passed. His funeral was held on Friday, December 20th, in the Stoner Memorial A. M. E. Church. His wife, Mrs. Luvinia Allen was called home from the bedside of her mother where she had been since July.

We hope to send you a good list of subscriptions soon. The National team was here just a day or so ago. Brothers Peoples, Smith, and L. L. Dickerson, our State President, spent a day with us in conference and looking over the work. We were very glad to have all of these Brethren with us and we look forward to their return when things are more progressive.

THE GROVE STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH
REV. DAVID TRUSCOTT, Pastor
4210 New Orleans
Houston, Texas

The church activities have been moving along just about as usual at the Grove Street Christian Church. There have been several events of much importance in the last month.

Our fifth annual banquet was held the first part of the month of December. The banquet was under the auspices of the Progressive Circle, Mrs. Willie Mae Smith, president. This circle also joined with the I. La Band and sponsored a musical.

Reverend David L. Truscott delivered the Christmas message, "Wisemen will turn another way" from the gospel of St. Matthew.

The Ladies' Aid Society, Mrs. W. F. Thomas, president directed the Bible appreciation night last Monday.

Several cases of flu among the members of the Grove Street Christian Church have accounted for many absences. Miss Deloris Grant, the pianist was not able to be present Sunday, also Miss Arva Gene Woodson, and Sister R. L. Holz. Heavy rains have also impeded the work and attendance. Miss Helen Henry had a small number present during her visit here in her work with the young people in the organization of the Christian Endeavor work.

Mrs. David Truscott spent a week at home with her husband, Rev. Truscott. She is a teacher in the High School at Corrigan, Texas. She played for the services Sunday in the absence of Miss Deloris Grant. Mrs. Truscott is a musician of great ability.

Brethren, let us hear from you through the Christian Plea.

ELM ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH
MRS. FLOSSIE HERD
317 N. Beech St., Oxford, Ohio

The Elm Street Christian Church is still without a pastor. Elder Sherman Corbin has been conducting praise services during the months of September, October, and part of November. Reverend Devine of Cincinnati, Ohio preached for the Sunday evening services.

A good message was brought to us by Reverend Cyril Robinson of Chicago, Illinois on the second Sunday of December.

Many people enjoyed the Sunday School Christmas program which was given on Dec. 23 under the direction of Mrs. Harry Wilkins. The Christmas basket project by the church was helpful to many needy families.

Elm Street Christian Church asks the Brotherhood for their prayers in their effort to keep together and that a pastor may soon be sent to guide them in their work.

NEWS FROM OLD HANCOCK
By MISS ELINOR CRAIG
610 Finzer St., Louisville, Ky.

Greetings for the New Year. We are indeed happy to greet our Christian friends in this New Year. Our hearts are very heavy and we are still mourning the loss of our beloved and most efficient pastor, Brother E. H. Allen, who departed this life December 17, 1940. We know he is resting with God who walked with him, for he was surely a good man and served us in the best way possible.

We are asking the prayers and words of consolation of our brotherhood for his dear wife who has lost a real friend and companion.

We are hoping that our next pastor will serve us as faithfully as Brother Allen and we are willing to back him and carry on our work better than ever before.

We spent a lovely Christmas with a nice program and presents for everyone. Our Sunday School and Christian Endeavor are moving along nicely with everyone sharing responsibilities and doing his part in all the departments.

LEA AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH NOTES
Nashville, Tennessee

The New Year started off with new hope and vigor. Elder L. H. Crawford preached a great soul-stirring sermon. Prof. J. Frederick McKinney, Professor of Social Studies, Tennesse State College and Miss Cathryn V. Bradford, Instructor of Home Economics of Tennessee State College joined the church.

Mrs. Preston Taylor entertained the pastor and his wife, with Prof. and Mrs. M. R. Eppse, Mrs. Johnnie Courtney, Mrs. Sadie Bender, Mrs. Susie Carter, Mr. Leonard Bryant, and Mr. Essie Dobson at a lovely dinner in her Greenwood Park home.

The clerk of the church reported $642.00 raised for the time Reverend Crawford has been here. Over $400.00 was paid back to Doctor Crawford.

Mr. Samuel Davis was approved as Junior Deacon. Prof. M. R. Eppse was approved as a trustee and treasurer of the church.

Elder Cothran is confined at his home 1819 Scovel Street very ill.

Brother Frank White, chairman of the official board is doing all he can to help the program.

BIRCH STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH TAKES ON NEW LIFE
Elder W. J. BRYANT, Pastor
MRS. ANN LAWRIE, Reporter
1568 W. 36th Place
Los Angeles, California

A larger congregation, larger offerings, and ten additions to the church have been the results of the new interest aroused by the recent election of Elder W. J. Bryant, pastor.

A special program will be given at the installation program January 12, 3 o'clock P.M.

Special Christmas music was given by the choir Sunday evening before Christmas. Sister Lee had a beautiful Christmas program for the children.

The Young People’s meeting each Sunday evening before services and the Bible class every Friday evening are two new organizations started to sustain a strong church spirit.

The Woman’s Council will select its
new president soon. Sister Nellie Sharp has been filling that place temporarily.

The new church location is now being discussed and it is hoped that this New Year will bring to realization some of the desires of the church.

The church sends its best wishes to all her sister churches for a successful and prosperous church year.

THE COSMOPOLITAN CHRISTIAN CHURCH
By MRS. KATIE MCNEAR
1655 West 36th Place
Los Angeles, Calif.

For the last two months our pastor, Elder M. Frederick Mitchell, has been bringing stirring sermons from the New Testament. We have had three accessions, two of which were for baptism. New hope is looked forward to after the inspiration given to the people by President R. Wesley Watson for the Evangelization of California.

At the present time the Cosmopolitan Church is making a fine contribution to the welfare of the people by providing hundreds of strangers arriving in the city with places of employment. They are promoting one of the best employment offices in the city. Gainful employment may be obtained from Rev. Mitchell, 3309 Hooper Avenue, within twenty-four hours after arrival here. On the first Sunday in the New Year, the pastor will bring a sermon upon the subject, "Have Faith in God." There will also be a special dollar rally. On the third Sunday we will have as our guests, Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Peoples. We are looking forward to a very helpful service. The second Sunday we will assemble funds for our National work and get additional subscriptions for the Plea.

THE ALAMEDA STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH
ELDER R. C. MALLORY, Pastor
MRS. ANNETTE JACKSON, Reporter
710 Gay Street
Nashville, Tennessee

The Alameda Christian Church, after nine months existence, is moving along smoothly with each department of the church well organized. We have a wide awake Bible School with Mrs. Dallas Harris, Superintendent, and an average attendance of 30 people. Thanksgiving was observed for missions' day and $840.00 raised. Prof. M. R. Eppe, the Editor of the Plea, was with us Sunday, December 29. He gave us a stirring message on the subject "Taking Inventory." He inspired the church to a greater field of activity. He received 12 subscribers for the Plea. The church presented the pastor with a suit of clothes costing $42.50. We love our pastor who is deprived of his sight. He was educated in the School for the Blind at Nashville and finished in 1916, went to Knoxville College for a Post-course and was ordained for the ministry August 5, 1917 in the State Convention, by Elder Preston Taylor. He has pastored in the Jellico Church 2 years, Strawberry Plains, 2 years, and at the Gay St. Christian Church, 16 years. He is now serving us and has a membership of 70. At this time we have begun our pre-Easter campaign and have had at this writing two additions. We have a wide-awake choir under the leadership of Mrs. M. McKissack. We are requesting the Brotherhood to pray for us.

THE FULTON STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH
By MRS. FRANCES ROBINSON
707 Pine Street
Warren, Ohio

Fulton Street Church reports a full program for the month of December. On the Second Sunday, Elder Compton and Ned Murray, Jr., went to a district meeting held in Cleveland, Ohio. The Missionary women of our church visited the Missionary women of the Baptist Church on the third Sunday.

Central Christian Church entertained the young people of Fulton Street Church with a Christmas party. On the fourth Sunday, which was observed for rally day, Elder Compton preached on the subject "Christmas Without Christ." That evening John Robert Compton, Jr., gave an oration on the subject, Christianity or War." Money raised for the month amounted to $73.00. This was $13.00 less than the goal set. December 30th was the final program. A full house was in attendance and a gift was given to the pastor. Candy and oranges were given to the congregation.

EAST 83RD STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH
MRS. ELIZABETH WELLS, Reporter
2543 East 61st Street
Cleveland, Ohio

We were pleasantly surprised with a visit from Mrs. Zollar, the wife of our pastor. Her sweet personality and wonderful singing will always be remembered by us.
Mrs. Armon Jones' home was the happy meeting place of the Christian Workers' Club and the Church Aid December 31. An excellent program was rendered and the Christmas spirit was much in evidence.

Rev. J. E. Blair preached the watch meeting sermon at the Baptist Church, December 29. Tokens were given to the children. The Christian Workers' Club met at the home of Mrs. Lydia Davis and will be with Mrs. Maggie McClure at its next meeting.

Coming home for the holidays were Misses Jones and Tipton, students at Kentucky State College and Miss Stockton at Louisville Municipal College.

Among the visitors at the morning services Sunday, were Mr. and Mrs. Carr of Springfield, Ohio and Mr. and Mrs. Junius Lowden of Lexington, Ky.

Honoring Mr. and Mrs. Lowden, Miss Susie Banks entertained with a turkey dinner and had as guests: Elder and Mrs. J. E. Blair, Deacon and Mrs. Strother Grubbs, Mesdames Lutitia Biggerstaff, Eliza Jackson, and Prof. J. E. Bean. On Christmas Day, Mr. and Mrs. Booker T. George had as their dinner guest, Mr. and Mrs. Long of Frankfort, Ky., Mr. and Mrs. Long of Owingsville, Miss Hathaway and Prof. J. E. Bean.

The Youth's Conference meets at the High Street Christian Church, January 25th and 26th. The National and State workers will be here. It is hoped that the young people will attend and profit by doing so.

A number of people from here attended the funeral of Elder Dee Botts at Fairview. The sympathy of the people here goes to the family. Prof. J. E. Bean and Mr. W. D. Banks were guests and speakers at the Men's Improvement Club of the Christian Church at North Middletown.

The following visitors of note participated in our services during the year: Rev. Harold Lunger, pastor of the Austin Blvd. Christian Church, Oak Park, Illinois; Miss Carnella Jamison; Rev. R. H. Peoples; Prof. Merl R. Eppse, Rev. Baxter C. Duke, Mrs. Johnnie Kirkpatrick; Rev. Harold G. Elsam, pastor of the Chicago Heights Christian Church; Mr. George Arthur, Executive Secretary of the Wabash Avenue YMCA; Mr. Frazier T. Lane, secretary of the Chicago Urban League; Rev. Robert C. Lemon, executive secretary of the Chicago Disciples Union; Rev. Archibald Carey, Jr., pastor of the Woodlawn A.M.E. Church.

Mrs. Anna Washington, Mr. B. Mahome and Mr. L. H. Bond passed from the church Militant to the church Triumphant. We pray for the families of these outstanding members.

The quarterly union of the Christian Churches in New York, and New Jersey convened at the Williamsburg Christian Church, 132 Hoveneyer St., Brooklyn, N.Y. from December 26 to the 29. On the closing day, Elder W. C. Kinard and the State Evangelist Elder S. E. Tillman preached at the meeting.

The Willing Singers Quartette of the Williamsburg Christian Church rendered a musical program on Friday Night, January 3, 1941. The financial results from this program was quite satisfactory to its sponsor, Sister Cora Smith. The Willing Singers Quartette was aided by other quartettes.

The White Christian Church of 199 North Henry Street, Long Island, is looking forward to a program which the choir of the Williamsburg Christian Church will render.

December 8, the Spiritual Singers of Lewisburg sang at the church. The proceeds from this program went to pay on the sexton's salary. On December 26, the Bible School had its Christmas tree program. Mr. J. A. Johnson and family of Germantown were visitors.

The passing of our pastor, Rev. D. L. Botts brought sorrow to the church. We are hoping that some good man will take up the work. We plan to go forward with our work in 1941. Mayslick Church wishes a Happy New Year to the Brotherhood.

THE INDIANA AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
By Alma Cummings
4109 Prairie Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

The Gospel Chorus gave the final musical of the year 1940, Sunday, December 1st. The group sang to a large appreciative audience. Mrs. O'Toole was guest artist. Mr. A. Page was the director.

On December 15, the Senior Choir rendered their Christmas Cantata, "The King Cometh." The soloists were Mrs. Elizabeth Pichard, Mrs. Christine Adams, Mr. Harold Martin, and Mr. Robert Mansfield. Mrs. Goldie H. Martin directed the cantata.

Christmas morning services were held at 5 a.m. for one hour. Both the Senior Choir and the Gospel Chorus participated. The lighted candles made the services very beautiful.

The pastor, officers, and workers for 1941 were elected December 29.

Rev. R. C. Lemon, the former pastor of the Austin Blvd. Christian Church, Chicago, affiliated.

Last year was an eventful year for all clubs and auxiliaries of the church. From a financial side their program played a leading role. The Volunteers Club with Mrs. Nellie R. Smith as president attempted and accomplished the most adventurous programs in raising money for current expenses and the building fund.

The twelve birthday clubs rendered excellent financial support. The August Club with Mrs. Essie L. Bond as president raised the largest offering.

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THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

NATIONAL CONVENTION PAGE

THE PRESIDENT'S FIRESIDE CHAT
R. WESLEY WATSON
1322 East 24th Street
Kansas City, Mo.

To the Members of Our National Convention:

Greetings:

My heart's desire for our Brotherhood is to arise and put on their strength doing away with schisms, covetousness, selfishness and unfaithfulness and put on the beautiful garment of faith, righteousness and love. Why? Because we are faced with a great Brotherhood responsibility. This responsibility can only be accomplished through united effort. Let there be no division among us; this is no time for retreat or to think in terms of failure. Let us go about our work with a unity of purpose for there is the great Brotherhood responsibility. This responsibility can only be accomplished through united effort. Let there be no division among us; this is no time for retreat or to think in terms of failure. Let us go about our work with a unity of purpose for there is
no road to success but through a strong clear purpose. I am now reminded of the words of Lord Nelson when he said: "Today England expects every man to do his duty." And every man did; victory was won for England. Today He who commissioned men to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel" expects every Christian to do his duty and if we do victory will come to the church.

Know this, we have a great heritage left by the Fathers. It was theirs before it was purchased with love, efforts, time and life's blood by others. It has been entrusted to us and if we are to keep it, and enjoy it and pass it on to our posterity, we too must give our life's blood, no sacrifice, no devotion should be too great for us to render; our fathers lit the torch, it is ours to keep burning. This is no time to sound false alarms or to play in negative terms. Jesus spoke in positive terms: "This do and thou shalt live." "Come unto me and I will give you rest." "He is our Head and Example and He is expecting us to manifest His spirit and to follow Him.

We are easily discouraged and give up so many times without a fight, not knowing that victory is just around the corner. We cannot be swayed by the prophecy of the alarmist who preaches failure and defeatism like the two men behind the bars looking out, one saw mud, the other saw stars. This is no time for retreat. A great General seeing the battle going against them concluded all was lost and called to the drummer boy, saying, "Beat a retreat." The boy began to beat a charge, the soldiers took hope and were inspired to fight it out with all their strength and a great victory was won. The little fellow turned, saluted the General and said, "Sirs, I was never taught to beat a retreat." Brethren, I have never been taught to beat a retreat and like Joshua of old, "Let us go up at once and possess the land for we are able."

In the December issue of the Plea I wrote an article under the heading The National Convention, Page 14, in that same issue on the same page another article was written: "$400.00 Tied to the Rope," by the Editor. It seems that the Editor has been confused over my true motive and intentions in making my appeal for "Rope holders." It appears that the Editor would have you believe that the President is not interested in a special indebtedness in the form of a note made during the past administration (This note was made in the fall of 1939 and nothing was said by the former President nor the Editor until the last issue of the Plea). My motive for making the appeal was to undergird and promote THE TOTAL PROGRAM of the National Convention through its own established and elected medium. The National Convention created this office through which it could execute its policies and program. Our work if it is to be done must be done through this office therefore this office must be sustained. Before we can have money to meet the National Convention's obligations and promote its total program we must provide means to make possible the going of the worker who in return will cultivate the field for harvest. I firmly believe if the worker is adequately supported the above obligation will be met and the program promoted. As President I accept the total obligation and responsibility of the convention, I am anxious about the total program and hereby pledge my support and dedicate my life for the building of the Kingdom of God through the National Convention of Disciples of Christ. And I am appealing to every man and woman to share with us in pledging their support and dedicating their lives to the National Convention.

What farmer grows a great crop without investing in machinery, stock, feed and effort? What business concern has ever succeeded without first counting the cost and making an investment of time, money and talent, and have to wait over a period of years before a dividend is declared. Let us exercise patience in the business of the National Convention. "Be not weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap of we faint not."

The Editor seemed also to imply that the $500.00 went to the Field Secretary, which is misleading for the records show that it was spent as follows: $72.60 went for Christian Plea. Some went to pay our delegate's expenses to the International Convention and some to pay the way of the Executive Committee to the Board meeting. And $300.00 went to our Field Secretary for Office and Promotional purposes. The record also shows that on May 23rd, 1939, $100.00 was paid on note. This information is given to clear up the impression that all the money.

Eight pages of names and money collected by Mrs. Bracey is too expensive to publish in the Plea but we do feel that totals should be known and what was done with the money should be shown. The Editor has no way telling who Mrs. Bracey reported to, or who audits her accounts. It appears that all we have is a listing of miscellaneous items with no regard for accuracy and truth. The summary is as follows:

1. $500.00 was borrowed on a note signed by Dr. Crawford, Dr. Walker and Mrs. Taylor to get Mrs. Bracey out of the red for 1938-39.

2. $770.73 was given to Mrs. Bracey from churches, individuals, conventions and organizations. $1270.73 total amount raised by Mrs. Bracey.

What went with the money—

1. $387.00—spent on Mrs. Bracey's office. Where is her office?

28. 290.68—spent for Mrs. Bracey's travel. Where did she go?

3. 213.38—spent for Mrs. Barcy's salary. What did she do?

4. 72.60—spent for Plea under Elder Dickerson's Editorship.

5. 79.91—spent to pay for subscriptions to Plea secured by Mrs. Bracey at International Convention in Richmond, Virginia. Fall, 1939 for which she would not pay.

6. 65.00—spent for expense of Dr. Crawford to International Convention in Richmond, Virginia.

7. 389.65—spent on debts for which Mrs. Bracey did not raise money—the Convention had to borrow it.

8. 891.06—all of all funds went to Mrs. Bracey.

9. If it cost $891.06 to raise $379.67. It appears to the Editor that that is too much for the churches to pay.
Oil Gushes at Jarvis College

Rising from the status of a slave plantation and given for the purpose of educating former slave owners' children, Mrs. Ida V. Jarvis is rejoicing in heaven that 456 acres she gave to the Christian Women's Board of Missions in 1910 has finally wiped away all semblance of a dark past. Where drab plantation life existed, now is land booming with tall stately dikes pumping oil from the land of this college.

Mrs. Jarvis was known as a great leader in the Disciples Church. Her husband, Major Jarvis, thought that since the Negroes were set free during the civil war and that they were made citizens under the Constitution, the only way to make good citizens of them was by the three-fold education: of the head, the hand, and the heart. He lived to realize "the dream of years" in the opening of the school.

Professor T. B. Frost was elected the first superintendent and immediately started clearing the land for the opening of the school January 1, 1912, with seven pupils and one instructor. In 1914, Professor J. N. Ervin, of Johnson City, Tennessee, was elected president and the school was brought to the attention of the world. In 1929, a white trustee board was organized. New land has been acquired and at the present time the school owns 874 acres of land. Much of the land is under cultivation, from which the students raise most of their food.

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Miss Gladys Marie Holt
Rockford, Illinois

Miss Holt was born in Cleveland, Ohio, was graduated from Rockford, Illinois Senior High School. She made the honor roll from among 1258 students. She plans to be a teacher or social service worker and her major is in History and Social Science at the Tennessee State College, Nashville, Tenn. Miss Holt has been a member of the Second Christian (Continued on Page 2)

AN APOLOGY

With respect to the article appearing in the January issue of the CHRISTIAN PLEA, it has never been the purpose or intent of the Editor to unduly attack innocent persons. I hereby apologize for any injustice which my remarks may have caused.

—Merl R. Eppse, Editor

NATIONAL CONVENTION
SUNDAY, MARCH 2

The entire Brotherhood is asked to exert every effort to show your interest in the National Convention Program. Send your money and reports to Rev. R. W. Watson, President.
WHO'S WHO IN BLUEFIED, WEST VIRGINIA

MRS. ETHEL KEELING

By N. J. Dickerson
Box 483, Bluefield, W. Va.

Elder J. Z. Thompson was a pioneer. He and his loyal wife, Mrs. Ardelia Thompson, came to Bluefield when there was no Christian Church for Negroes in West Virginia.

One of their eight children was a daughter, Ethel, who is now Mrs. Richard E. Keeling. She is one of the very few persons now living who helped to establish Jones Street Christian Church.

Through the years she has been a faithful and valuable worker in the church. She was the first pianist when the first choir was organized, and is yet pianist for the senior choir, and co-director with her husband, who is also a deacon.

The Keelings have seven children—five sons and two daughters—including an adopted son, all of whom are members of Jones Street Christian Church. Their older daughter has two sons who are also members of the church. Their other children are not married. The younger daughter is a recent graduate of Bluefield State Teachers College.

Mrs. Keeling is a sister of the late Mrs. Ardelia Staples McMillian, of Baltimore. Those who attended Louisville Bible School will, no doubt, remember Elder J. E. Thompson, who was a graduate of that school, and later pastor at Hagerstown, Maryland. He was a brother of Mrs. Keeling.

Sister Keeling's travel has been mostly in the South. She has visited in South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Baltimore, Md., Philadelphia, Pa., and Columbus and Dayton, Ohio.

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KENTUCKY IN NEED OF EVANGELIST

By Elder J. S. Conway
Route 1, Nicholasville, Ky.

Elder Griffin has been appointed by the State Convention for half-time service as Evangelist. This in my estimation is not God's way of doing things. We need a full-time evangelist. We are paying $37.50 per month for half-time service. Is this the right kind of example to set before the local church boards? We should ponder over the problems this situation brings about. A full-time evangelist is needed with full salary. His work is to carry the gospel and take an interest in all of the church. Let us before the next convention in April have our minds made up to correct this error.

ATTENTION BIBLE SCHOOLS

Please do not forget to send your $1.00 to the Treasurer, Mr. S. B. Wallick, Muskogee, Okla., at once. It is very imperative that the Bible School Department raise funds to help liquidate an indebtedness. May we count on every loyal superintendent and school to help us carry on.

—Raymond R. Walton
National Bible School, Pres.

President Peter C. Washington, of East St. Louis, Illinois, was chosen to go forward with the work. It is needless to say that he is doing a marvelous work. The campus has been beautified, and the State Highway Department has planted roses along the highway. The aim of the present administration as outlined in the beginning by Major Jarvis, is to make Jarvis a model institution in every respect as it strives toward the three-fold development of the students. With the newly found wealth, the college will be able to realize its fullest possibilities.

The University of Texas is one of the most wealthy State Universities in America because oil was found on their land. Plans are being formulated to take advantage of this newly found wealth for the benefit of Negro Disciples.

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I will build my church: That The Way May Be Known.

"All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord: and all the Kindreds of the nations shall worship before Thee."
—Psalms 22:27

The word all means mankind, everywhere, until the Church is able to accomplish the task of taking the Gospel to every country in the world; until its influence vividly presents the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man: until the world is recognized as one great family: until Christians practice stewardship of time, talent, service and money, the purpose of the Church in the world will not be a realization.

This means that Christianity must go where it has not been, that the Gospel of the Lord Jesus must be preached and taught in every tongue. Going where it has not been, that the work of the missionary more and more will not be a realization.

Due to this changing condition the challenge to the Church is greater, the work of the missionary more difficult. To be in the position to invite these into that great family and to provide the means of entrance in still larger numbers is the work of the church, in China, for they are: Coming, Coming—Yes, they are—Coming, Coming from afar—From the fields and crowded cities China gathers at His feet.
—Mac Gill

"And ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."
—Acts 1:8

Jesus told his followers that this should happen only and after the Holy Ghost was come upon them in that day, and He tells us that today. With His power, we should go steadily forward into new fields to meet new conditions, daunted by no difficulty, relaxing at no intricacy, knowing that God has intrusted into our hands the work of promoting His Kingdom on earth, and making disciples, who will be witnesses unto Him in every nation.

"Freely ye have received, freely give." The Church in the homeland must so teach and so give that this will indeed become a reality. It must provide the proper interpretation of life and living for others that greed, intolerance, hatred and war will be replaced with brotherly love and justice for all.
—Mrs. Anna E. Gilmore
State President Missionary Society
Jefferson City, Missouri

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
February 28, 1941

Of unusual impressiveness is the World Day of Prayer Service this year as it comes out of war-torn China, prepared by the committee in Shanghai. This committee composed of Americans, Chinese, and Japanese, through all the recent years of stress, has made it possible for the women of Shanghai to share with the millions of other women over the world in this day of prayer.

It is to be hoped that this year, when the world needs nothing so much as to be on its knees in prayers of penitence and intercession and guidance-seeking, not only will greater and more meaningful meetings occur in the usual places, but many cities, towns, and hamlets will observe it for the first time with additional thousands sharing in its blessing.

The four projects of united Christian service which offerings on World Day of Prayer help to support, remain as they have been for many years: Christian Literature, the Union Colleges, the Migrant Work, and Religious work for Indian Students in Government Schools. As we think of the great good done in the past through our sharing, may our hearts be responsive and our gifts be generous.

Your president received a leaflet from Miss Carnella L. Jamison in a recent letter, telling of available materials. For further information write to The United Christian Missionary Society, 222 Downey Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana.

ATTENTION YOUTH AND LEADERS OF YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The season for Youth Fellowship Meets is with us again—in fact, some have already been held. It is hoped that many more of our young people will be able to participate in the Meets this year than last, as splendid programs are being planned. There will be discussion groups on the Youth program of the church, on personal Christian living, messages from brotherhood leaders, and opportunities to become acquainted with representatives of our mission work.

Kentucky is experimenting this year in planning for Youth Meet features in district conventions. In addition, a Meet for the Louisville area was held February 14-16. Miss Alberta Calloway, Miss Edith Wilson and Vance Smith were the committee in charge of arrangements.

Kansas will again have an inter-racial Meet in Atchison, February 28-March 2. A joint committee headed by Miss Velva Dreese, Kansas director of young people's work, and R. W. Watson, area evangelist, is developing a challenging program. Young people from Kansas and the western section of Missouri are urged to attend. Write Mr. Watson for additional information.

Oklahoma will again this year have the capable guidance of Mrs. Charles Webb of Tulsa in setting up the Youth Fellowship Meet, the time and place of which have not yet been decided.

Missouri will have a Meet in March or April for young people in the St. Louis area at Centennial Church, St. Louis. Miss Bessie Chandler and her committee are at work on the program and will soon be issuing publicity to the churches.

Several other Meets are planned for a later time, including one in Arkansas in May. Watch the Christian Plea for definite announcements or address Miss Carnella Jamison, Missions Building, Indianapolis, Indiana, for information concerning your area.
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If we walk in the light, we have
fellowship one with the other.
1 John, 1-7

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EDITORIALS

THIS YEAR 1941 ? ? ?
F. J. D. McKinney

The New Year of 1941 is here, but
what has it brought for you and you
and your fellow workers? For some of
you it has brought happiness, wealth,
a job, good health and many other things.
Still for others it has brought unhappiness
a loss of a job, etc. The world as a
whole during 1941 will undergo a
great economic, political, social and
religious transition due to the present
world conflict. All of us are striving
to the best of our ability to live a
Christian life—a life of love and fair
play in a world that is torn by pieces
by war, graft, corruption and un-
Christian attitudes toward our fellow
man.

However, in the middle of all of this
at the beginning of 1941, there is a
way out. A way that is open not only
to the rich but, open to the poor man,
the thief, the beggar and the mur-
der. That way is the way of Jesus
Christ. The simple job of belief in
the teachings of Jesus and walking
and living a Christian life. This will
give peace to your mind, your body,
and your soul. It is not world peace,
not international, nor national peace
that we are looking for. It is a peace
that is more personal, more basic,
more fundamental. It is the peace
that is given to a man, not by anoth-
er man, but by Christ. Now! Where
can the peace for 1941 be found. It
be found in your soul and in my
soul. Let us all strive and work for
this peace within our own souls.

The grave mistake we are making
today is mass acting and mass think-
ing. The individual man and woman
is absolutely lost in the present set-up.

Everything is carried out on a mass
scale. But God made men individuals
and He has never lost sight of this
fact. What do we find in Germany,
Italy, England, and even America?
Mass acting and thinking. Man in the
eyes of Jesus is greater than the
group and greater than institutions.
Why should not this be true in the
eyes of man? Here is the basic dif-
ference between democracy and total-
itarianism.

Ralph Waldo Emerson says, "Souls
are not saved in bundles." Our great
psychiatrists point out that the prob-
lem is not the fitting of man to his
environment but rather to fit him to
face himself. A man or woman is
helpless to face the problems of the
world until he has got harmony with-
in his or her soul. After this has been
reached man is able to face his en-
vironment and the conflict of the
world. If an individual is at peace
with himself he is ready to come face
to face with any difficulty.

Thus we believe that the real pur-
pose of the church is to fit persons
to face themselves and eventually the
world and its problems. If a per-
son finds this harmony and peace
within his own soul, he will have more
interest in business, social and poli-

tical life. Let all of us hope, pray
and believe that the church will a-
aken mankind to the fact that he
must save his own soul before he
starts to save the world in this year of
1941.

THE CHURCH AS SUPRA-RACIAL
Roswell P. Barnes
Editor

Federal Council Bulletin

During this month of special em-
phasis on Christian relations between
the races, it is salutary to remember
that the greatest opportunity of the
Church in this field is to be in itself,
a supra-racial community. No reso-
lutions that churches may adopt urge-
ing justice and fair dealing for the
Negroes or other racial minorities
could compare with the influence of
a church that in its own life and
fellowship was a visible expression
of, brotherhood transcending racial
lines.

The Church of the New Testament
was clearly a supra-racial community.
Although the first church was origi-
ally a Jewish community, St. Step-
en stood, at the price of martyrdom,
for its emancipation from racial limi-
tations. St. Peter received the Gen-
tity Cornelius into full membership
in the Church at Jerusalem. St. Paul
brought the new understanding of the
Church as supra-racial to full flow-
er. In the unforgettable language of
"Ecce Homo" describing the early
Church: "Here the Gentile met the
Jew whom he had been accustomed to
regard as an enemy of the human
race; the Roman met the lying Greek
sophist; the Syrian slave, the gladi-
ator born beside the Danube. In
brotherhood they met, the natural birth
and kindred forgotten, the baptism
alone remembered in which they had
been born again to God and to each
other."

The vision of the Church as in-
cluding all the peoples of the world
was the inspiration of St. Paul's great
missionary effort which car-
ried Christianity into Europe and
so to us.

The Church of today, thanks to the
missionary movement, is actually a
fellowship that is not confined to any
racial group. Men of every race and
color do belong to the Church of
Christ. But we have still for to go
before the full meaning of inter-racial
fellowship is realized in the life and work and worship of the Church. If Negroes should come to feel in the Church a warmth of fellowship which they do not find in the community at large, if Jews could come to feel that the Church is one institution in which every trace of anti-semitism had disappeared, if the gifts and graces of all the races were deeply valued in the Church, it could really operate as a living world that through Christ inter-racial brotherhood can become a living fact.


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WHO WILL WIN THE TRIP TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION?

1. Mrs. C. E. Rowas, 625 Mississippi Blvd., Memphis, Tenn. (31 points)
Dear Workers:

Again our hearts have been made sad by the passing of two more of our preachers, Brothers Allen and Botts. I was personally acquainted with E. H. Allen, having met him during my school days in Kentucky, and associated with him when I was pastoring there. We did have a very fine fellowship and knew that he made a great contribution to our Brotherhood. His heart was in the Hill Street Church, made many sacrifices for that church. My heart goes out to his faithful wife and the congregation he served so well. We knew Brother Botts and talked with him quite a deal in our National gatherings, he impressed us as being greatly interested in the program of the Disciples, he was very zealous for the Cause. Of them we say: "Write, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, Yea, saith the Spirit, they rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

We appreciated the timely question: "Do the Disciples need a Bible College?" This question has been very prominent in my mind and not long ago we were talking with one of our brethren whose heart is in the work and we both agreed that we do need a Bible College and ought to be looking towards that. I was talking with two of our brethren last year at the National Convention and they said: "There is no such thing as a 'Disciple School' but I thought it all depended upon what kind of an egg we want. If you want hen eggs why must you have a hen; and if you want duck eggs why must you have a duck; and if we want to make Disciple Preachers we cannot do it without a Disciple School."

Secretaries will not make Disciple Preachers, they will get something but the main thing, "The Salt" of the New Testament will not be taught them. (I know there may be many arguments but this statement will stand). Look at the churches that we have, they have all been built by the men who knew the Plea and you will not get the Plea in other schools. No need to talk of having "White Colleges" and what they can do, we need one for our group and it must have the "Ripe Brains" of our Brotherhood to conduct it regardless of who likes them. I will welcome the day when we will run our business on "Qualification and merit" and not friendship and like-ship. The quicker the better and then we as Disciples will come into our own and fill a larger place in the world. God grant that we will again have an array of preachers who will be well grounded in the New Testament Teachings and who will love it and will not be satisfied with anything but that.

Co-workers: Soon the first Sunday in March will be here, we are now asking that each church will observe it as National Convention Day and that every Disciple will give $1.00 for the work. Preachers, let us lend the way! We have many things to do, and it will take money to do it. I have been very much lifted up by the encouraging letters that I have received and the expressions of willingness to hold the rope and send the worker out. After all we must be concerned about the work going forward. It was ours to visit one of the Conventions that has been conducted throughout the country and much inspiration and help has been received. We do hope that the day will come when our Brotherhood will have a team to go out and revive and inspire our churches. We have the men and women who could set this Brotherhood on fire with great messages.

Our heart was lifted up by the fine letters from the brethren and most especially from our National Evangelist and we rejoice with him as he carries on. God grant that the "Spirit of Evangelism will again possess us that we might go everywhere preaching "Jesus Christ and Him Crucified".

He said: "And if I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men unto me." Brethren, let us lift Him up, by a great Evangelistic Program.

On the last Sunday in January, it was my privilege to preach for our church in Emporia and to preside at the mortgage burning in the afternoon. A very fine crowd was present. We are looking forward to seeing a great church there, they have some very loyal workers there and the good pastor, W. H. Brown, is making every sacrifice to make the work go forward.

We will be happy to serve any of our churches when needed. As we bring this chat to a close, permit me to ask that we spend much time in prayer for the work and remember: "To pray is to labor and to labor is to pray."

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

THE NATIONAL SECRETARY AND HIS WIFE VISIT A NEW FIELD

GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

On Jan. 30-Feb. 3, it was our good pleasure to fill an engagement at Grand Junction, Colorado, where we were privileged to ordain a young man to the ministry. This young man, Brother Booker T. Taylor and his wife and daughter are among the 55 colored residents of that city which has a total population of about 20,000. Of the 55 colored people, 13 are under 20 years of age. We spent about 5 days visiting in their homes, visiting them on their jobs, and holding meetings at the church. They gave us a royal reception and seemed very glad to have us visit them. We were made to feel that we were among friends we had known all our lives, although this was our first acquaintance.

At one time there was a large colored population with 3 churches, but for the past ten years none of these churches have functioned. One of our objectives in visiting Grand Junction was to survey the field and ascertain the possibility of organizing a Christian Church so that the colored population could be adequately cared for.

Sunday, Feb. 2, was a full day. On Sunday morning we had Bible school and preaching combined into one service. Mrs. Peoples was guest soloist at the First Christian Church where she rendered two numbers and gave a brief statement concerning our relationship to the United Christian Church.
Missionary Society. On Sunday afternoon, we visited several prospective members, and Sunday night we had a very impressive ordination service which was held under the auspices of the First Christian Church of which Dr. J. J. Hutchison is pastor. Rev. D. J. Elsea presided and gave the charge. Dr. J. J. Hutchison presided over the communion table, assisted by Elder R. E. Hindman, who was the official representative of the church board. The National Secretary preached the ordination sermon. The house was filled with about three-fourths of the colored people of the city present. The rest were chiefly members of the First Christian Church.

On Monday night we met with the colored people to discuss the feasibility of organizing a church which the First Christian Church had agreed to sponsor for the colored people of Grand Junction. The consensus of opinion was that a church is needed, especially for the children who are growing up without the influence of any church except that they get from an occasional visit to the various white churches of the city. The adults present represented four communions, viz., Baptist, Methodist, Holiness, and Disciples. After much discussion it was discovered that several of the adults were not willing to relinquish their church affiliation in order to establish one church. We then suggested organizing a Federated Church in which they could maintain their church affiliation and identity, but work cooperatively in a common church building. The Federated Church idea was new to them and so they were unable to decide whether that was the thing which they wanted. After much deliberation we were convinced that they are not ready for any kind of organization yet. We suggested that the newly ordained minister should begin to have regular church school and preaching each Sunday and that he should continue to solicit the guidance of Rev. David J. Elsea, who is to be the official representative of the First Christian Church. After a year of such work we shall be happy to go back in that field and check the results.

Rev. Booker T. Taylor, the young man ordained, comes from a fine Christian family and is well loved by the people of all races in Grand Junction. He and his good wife are both graduates of Western University in Kansas City, Kansas. He served as Professor of Industrial Education at Southern University, Baton Rouge, La., for several years until the depression forced the University to curtail its expanding program. He then returned to his home town, Grand Junction, and worked at odd jobs until he received permanent employment at his trade. Coming under the influence of Brother Elsea, who chanced to meet him through a business transaction, he was inspired to give himself to the Christian Ministry. He plans now to spend about 3 years at Drake University preparing himself for the ministry.

We are happy to report a pleasant visit to our churches in California. It was our good fortune to be present at the installation service of Rev. Walter J. Bryant, as pastor of the Birch Street Church. This mother church, under this new leader, promises to forge ahead.

Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Jacobs are doing a real piece of pioneer work as they labor to establish two strong churches, one in Pasadena and the other in Fullerton.

Rev. M. F. Mitchell and the Cosmopolitan Church of Christ are still making progress with an expanding program. In the near future he plans to erect a new building in the Northeast corner of the Parkette.

The Avalon Church is still making progress also. The constitution was amended to add two more elders, deacons, and deaconesses to the official board. The church school was reorganized on the departmental basis and the faculty considerably enhanced by the addition of several more able teachers. We believe this church school is going to show marked improvement in the near future. The work of the Community Center is being permanently established under a Community Center Board, which is to be sponsored by the Local Church, the State Board of Southern California Christian Churches, and the United Christian Missionary Society.

The pastors, members, and friends of all the churches were exceptionally interested through activity is a difficult task.

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JAMES BROWN REVIVES YOUNG PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATIONS

For many years work in Religious Circles has been left more or less to older people. The Young people as they will, either did not attend Church or would not take an active part when they did attend. Keeping young people interested through activity is a difficult task.

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ACTIVITIES OF THE BROTHERHOOD

CANTON CHURCH OF CHRIST

Elder S. J. Compton, Pastor
Minnie Watkins, Reporter
955 Carnahan Ave., N.E.
Canton, Ohio

On January 5, new officers were elected for the Christian Endeavor and the "Junior Quiz" class. The officers for the Christian Endeavor were: Miss Birdie Watkins, President; Miss Lois Bradley, Vice-President; Miss Minnie Watkins, Secretary; Miss Onell Bush, Assistant Secretary; Miss Betty Gregory, Treasurer and Elder W. C. Compton, Supervisor. Those elected to the offices of the "Junior Quiz" class were: Miss Minnie Watkins, President; Miss Gladys Bush, Vice-President; Miss Margaret Bradley, Secretary; Miss Peggy Almstead, Assistant Secretary; Miss Margie Bradley, Treasurer, and Mr. Gus Bradley, Supervisor.

On January 12, the Junior Choir sang at the Fulton Street Christian Church in Warren, Ohio. Elder W. C. Compton preached an inspiring sermon.

I attended a meeting of the Missionary Society last week and, confidentially, they are going to do things in a big way. They have invited the "teen age youths to become members of the society. I, for one, shall be glad to become a member. The missionaries had a social on January 25, in order to raise money for our building fund. Mrs. Viola Bradley is President of the Society.

The Junior Choir has February 6 as the date for their social. The purpose of this society is to furnish the choir with robes.

EAST 83RD STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

2379 East 83rd Street
Cleveland, Ohio
Elder O. Zollar, Pastor
Elizabeth Wells, Reporter

Mrs. Julia Gamby will be guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society.

Our pastor is preaching a series of sermons every Sunday morning that are very uplifting. The Bible School is steadily increasing. The children are so pleased with the set of song books Mrs. O. Zollar sent. Miss Nadine Scott, our efficient organist and singer is doing a wonderful job in training the children to sing from these books. They will be heard each Sunday morning, and on special programs.

We are starting a Bible study class under the direction of Elder Zollar. This course will enable us to know more about our Bible and the Christian Church.

MISSISSIPPI BOULEVARD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

UNIFIED YOUTH GROUP PLANS BUSY YEAR

By Mildred S. Riley

The Unified Youth Group of the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church, Memphis, Tennessee, is determined to keep busy this year. The President, Mrs. Mildred Riley, and Committee Chairmen have worked out a program of activities which were twenty-three present. Miss Etha Wiggins, Chairman of the Program Committee, led the devotions. After a business session, the members and visitors were inspired with a reading by Miss Erma Clanton, and a lecture by Miss Margaret Clanton, and a lecture "Youth Building a New World," by the Reverend H. L. Peterson, A.B., A.M., D.D. Afterwards a delicious repast was elaborately served by the hostess.

The month of February is set aside as "Membership Drive Month," to encourage youth all over the city to fellowship and join us in lifting up Christ and humanity.

Read the Christian Plea and local papers for news concerning the Unified Youth Group.

MISSISSIPPI BOULEVARD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT

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Christ Cosmopolitan Christian Church

M. Frederick Mitchell, Pastor
Mrs. Katie McNear, Secretary
1965 W. 36th Place
Los Angeles, California

Exceptional services were held in this church during the month of January. Four additions were made. A special guest in the person of Reverend Peoples, National Secretary and his wife, Mrs. Peoples. He spoke for the congregation on the subject, "The Need of a Christian Philosophy." They were entertained after the services in the home of the pastor. The employment department extends help to all new-comers to the city of Los Angeles.

As secretary of our church and for the Plea, I am happy to boost the subscriptions from this church. I enjoy reading the reports from the field.

INSTALL WALTER BRYANT AS BIRCH ST. CHURCH PASTOR

By Mrs. Ann Lawrie, Reporter
1568 West 36th Place
Los Angeles, California

Elder Clifford A. Cole, state secretary of the Christian Churches of Southern California, delivered the address at the installation services of Elder Walter J. Bryant, newly elected pastor of the Birch St. Christian Church, Sunday, January 26. In his address Dr. Cole said "a great opportunity for Elder Bryant due to his training and spiritual background."

Elder Baxter C. Duke of the Avalon Christian Church acted as master of ceremonies, and Elder M. F. Mitchell of the 33rd S. Hooper Christian Church presented the new pastor with an illustrated Bible. Remarks were made by Elder R. H. Peoples and Mrs. Peoples of Indianapolis. Mrs. George R. Garner, well-known musician brought encouraging remarks. Others bringing remarks were: Dr. H. Claude Hudson, Elder L. G. Robinson, J. B. Holmes, E. E. Lightner, and Elder C. Malcome.

Rev. Bryant responded, pledging himself to his chosen field and asking the support of members and friends. Mrs. Sallie Richardson and Mrs. Lee had charge of the refreshments.

Evening services are improving and additions to the church are growing. 29 additions, 3 candidates for baptism since the new pastor has been in charge. Sister Lessie Boatwright is getting good results in the Christian Endeavor work. A youth Day program is planned for February 9. The Ladies’ Council is planning the birth of a Commisary for the church.

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Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church

Mrs. C. E. Rowan, Reporter

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FULTON STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH CLEARS DEBT

Elder S. J. Compton, Pastor
Mrs. Frances Robinson, Reporter
707 Pine St.
Warren, Ohio

January 8 began a series of services celebrating the burning of the mortgage which clears the church of all indebtedness.

Elder Delaney led a series of sermons. Others following were: Elder Claude Johnson, W. L. Turner, Elder Seurl and Mr. Billy Compton. Church members of the church are: Elder C. Johnson, Clifton Pool, Sr., William Jackson, Ned Murray, Sr., Pearl Jackson, Iola Jackson, Gussie Pool, Estella Johnson, Elizabeth Rice, Clara Anderson, Lucy Pool, Theodore Tole, Ned Murray, Jr., Dellie Barnes, Elizabeth Murray and Elder S. J. Compton.

Ministers who have served in this church are: Elder S. McIntyre, Elder C. Johnson, Elder Buckner, Gandy, Elder Thomas McGill, Elder F. J. Barnett, Elder Pinkey, Elder Little, Elder Pearson (Deceased), Elder C. H. Poston and Elder S. J. Compton.

A committee of the church women, headed by Miss Knoxie Barnes, Mrs. Lucy Mae Pool, Estella Johnson, Vera Pearson, Estella Gear, Josephine Murray, Pearl Jackson, Clara Anderson, and Mrs. Blackwell.

Elder Barnett spoke on the mortgage service. Prayers and thanks ended this solemn occasion.

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ECHOES FROM NORTH TAZEWELL, VIRGINIA

By Edna M. Dickerson
Box 1
N. Tazewell, Va.

Midway Church of Christ has a fine junior choir directed by Charles Reed Dickerson. Charles is the youngest choir director to our knowledge, being just twelve years of age. He is the son of Elder G. H. Dickerson. The pastor, Elder Eugene Patterson, is very proud of his young people.

OAKLAND AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH APPOINTS SECRETARY

By Robert C. Johnson, Sec'y.
Detroit, Mich.

Mrs. Roseatta Smith is a product of the Ballard Normal School and Payne College. She has also studied at the Central City Art and Music School. She has taught in the Public Schools of Miami, Fla. She is now pianist and soloist of the Oakland Avenue Christian Church. She has been appointed by the church as Christian Plea Secretary.

MT. STERLING KENTUCKY

By J. E. Bean
408 E. Locust St.
Mt. Sterling, Ky.

Represented at the Sixth District Youth Meet, Jan. 25 and 26 were: Vance G. Smith, regional worker; Mrs. Sarah Jones, Miss Mary Butler, and Bennie Freeman. Over sixty young people were present. UNIFYING FOR ACTION, was the theme of the discussion and was applied in: Worship, and Study, Service and Social Action, Bible Study and Devotion, and Directing Young People to be Christians. Instructors were: Misses Nanie Butler, Amidreda Gatewood, Mary Butler, Mesdames Susie Lee Elster, Annie Mae Jones, Mr. Charles Brambles and Prof. J. E. Bean. Participating as speakers were: Mrs. W. M. Hunter, Miss Mary Butler, Vance G. Smith and Mrs. L. H. Moore.

The dramatization done by the N. Middletown and Friendship Circle was accorded a high place on the program. Rev. J. E. Blair was complimented on the manner of entertaining the visitors.

A dollar rally is to be held for the High St. Christian Church. February 16 was the day on which the funeral was held for Miss Lillian Morton. Many friends were present. The Christian Workers Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hamilton.

GAY ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Elder R. Walton, Pastor
Nashville, Tenn.

The Ladies Auxiliary of Gay Street Christian Church sponsored a very unique “tea” at the Community House of the Andrew Courts, Sunday evening, Feb. 2, from 4 to 6 p.m. Amidst an array of beautifully decorated tables and flowers, Mesdames Minnie Alexander (Chm.), assisted by Ethel Walker, Imantha Ross, Frankie Hambriick, Eva Petway, Neallie Smith and Misses Nan Ruth and Laura Mae Deadiker and Mildred Allen greeted the guests and served. The center table was covered with Italian lace and held the silver service at which Rev. Walter Bryant, has been installed as pastor of Birch Street Christian Church, Los Angeles, Calif., has registered for the second session at the University of Chicago Theological Seminary. It is reported that he is doing a fine piece of work.

Reverend Raymond R. Walton, Pastor of Avalon Christian Church, Los Angeles, has been recommended for the Recreational Post of that city.

Reverende Walter Bryant, has been installed as pastor of Birch Street Christian Church, Los Angeles, Calif. He is a student at Chapman College.

CROSS STREET HAS WEDDING OF ROSES

By Mrs. H. M. Ball
1005 W. 17th St.
Little Rock, Ark.

The Woman's Council realized $84.66 from their third annual wedding of Roses presented at the Cross Street Christian Church, January 31, 1941. Those participating in the affair were: Miss Ida R. Jones, Mrs. Elizabeth Facen, Mrs. Lillie Moore, Mrs. Pearl Arrington, Miss Dorothy Bailey, Miss Freddie Lamb, Mrs. Audrey Brown, Miss Elsie Morgan, and Mrs. Beulah Taylor. Mrs. Pearl Arrington, who sat on a rose covered throne, was crowned queen and presented with a prize of $5.00 for having secured the highest amount of money. Local talent presented a program before the affair began.

OUR PASTOR

By A. D. Gaskins
Reported by Mrs. Edna Riffe
627 S. Williams St.
Dayton, Ohio

It was five years ago in the month of December, Ah, distinctly we all remember, When a lonely stranger came to our door; He spoke, we marveled, ask for more, Invited him in, closed tightly the door; Because we knew, this stranger had, Much knowledge in store, And true after a year he had more to tell; Of the love of Jesus and the horrors of hell.
THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

So we ask him to stay just a little while longer,
Because thru him we're each growing stronger;
Two years sped by, then three, then four,
And our cry was continuously more, tell us more;
Thru criticism and praise he did manfully survive,
Until the number of years has now become five.

Now we each make a vow, at the beginning of year six,
To give a few more praise, and few less kicks;
Let us now help our Pastor carry out the program of God
Because it will be too late, when we're lain beneath the sod.

BOLL STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH
C. L. Parks, Pastor
Prof. T. W. Pratt, Reporter
Dallas, Texas

Prof. Pratt reports that the Boll St. Christian Church under Rev. Parks and official board, to be making great progress. In their financial bulletin of the church after the reports of all departments it was found that they had raised for the month of December a total of $137.21. On the fourth Annual Report and Debt Freedom program on January 15, under the auspices of the Official Board, Miss Estella Hill, Mistress of Ceremonies, each department participated and was represented by one person on the program. Observations and remarks of appreciation were expressed by the pastor.

HERMANSVILLE NEWS
E. J. Jennings
Hermansville, Miss.

The King David Christian Chapel had their predication and installation services on December 29. Elder I. C. Franklin, State Evangelist for Mississippi preached the predication sermon and Elder N. R. Trevillian, State President had charge of the installation service, at which time three officers were installed. Brothers E. J. Jennings and Hubbert Wells were put in services for six months’ trial. Six dollars was raised at this meeting. Elder I. C. Franklin extended to the church its charter and constitution on the second Sunday in January. After the New Year’s service at which Elder G. E. Lakes spoke, five additions to the church were made. The following people have given one dollar or more: David Jennings, Chicago, Ill., $21.00; Will Turnipseed, $5.00; Leon Moore, $12.00; D. B. Buck, $7.00; Samuel R. Jennings, $7.00; T. J. White, $5.00; E. J. Jennings, $10.00; James Bailey, $5.00; Dr. J. E. Walker, $2.00; Simpson Jennings, $5.00; Mrs. L. J. Paige and daughters, Chicago, $4.00; Hubbert Wells, $2.00; Johnnie Turnipseed, $4.00; Irvin Wilson, $1.00; George H. Watkins, $5.50; Andrew Johnson, $5.00; John Bradely, $2.00; T. T. Robinson, $2.00; N. Crawford, $1.00; Clark Thompson, $2.00; From white friends: Carl Bloomvist, $5.00; Mr. George Thomas, $1.25; Mr. Watson Jackson, $3.50. Others contributed smaller amounts for which we are grateful.

ARKANSAS NEWS
Mrs. Sarah Bostick
N. Little Rock, Ark.

A Missionary program was held at the Mt. Sinai Church on Woman's Day, December, 1940, at 3:30 P.M. There are six faithful members working with this group. The sisters raised $3.25 and this same group raised $2.00 for the New Boys Dormitory at Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi. We asked our Baptist and Methodist friends "to come over in Macedonia" and help us. The anniversary of Elder Hayes was celebrated. Elder J. Martin delivered a great message. I enjoy reading the PLEA.

WYOMING CHURCH NEWS
Mrs. Helen S. Piersawl
648 Vine St.
Wyoming, Ohio

After checking over the annual report it was found that an error in favor of the church of $20.21 was made in paying the pastor. The church has no debts. The few faithful members are working with the pastor in peace and harmony. Rev. Fowler has been here three years. Miss Mary Livingston, one of our members is now attending the Tennessee A. & I. State College, in Nashville. Helen Piersawl is also back this year.

UNITED CHRISTIAN CHURCH
R. L. Jordon, Minister
T. K. Roose, Reporter
5631 30th St.
Detroit, Mich.

Beginning on February 21, the United Christian Church will celebrate the fourth anniversary of its existence and will execute an effort in bringing to its fold all Disciples who have not as yet returned to their church. This special effort is called "Find the Lost." Five neighboring churches will participate in this cele-

bration and Dr. Edgar Dewitt Jones, a nationally known minister will be one of the main speakers. Elder W. L. Harvey, of Georgia is visiting us and assisting in this great program. We ask the prayers of the Brotherhood. We have several PLEA readers now.

THE ALAMEDA STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Elder R. C. Maloy
Mrs. Annette Jackson, Reporter
Nashville, Tennessee

The Alameda Church is growing and at this time a special effort is being made for new members and is called, "Each one, win one." Three recent additions have been made. During the nine months of existence the church has raised $600.00 and paid the minister $225.72. The only indebtedness is for the church property. Prof. M. R. Eppse has rendered loyal service to the church. On the Fourth Sunday in January, he brought students from the Tennessee A. & I. State College to the church who gave a splendid program. The various departments of the church are steadily growing. Mr. J. P. Thompson is the director of a wide-awake Christian Endeavor Society. Feb. 2, our pastor led us in Christian Endeavor observance. Mr. Dallas Harris, superintendent of the Bible School, is building up both the junior and adult classes. In all we are pressing toward the mark of high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

LEA AVENUE CHRISTIAN
Lena Harris Reporter
Nashville, Tenn.

At the close of the year 1940, the report showed an increase of membership of 35, additions, ordained 1 minister and sent two young men to graduate school. Brother Frank White, the pastor, Elder L. H. Crawford and the officers are working to build up the church. The same officers with the addition of two more, Mr. Samuel Davis and Prof. Merl Eppse are on the board. Brother Cothran spoke in high terms of the splendid work that has been accomplished by the pastor in the church meeting. The church has been at a low ebb but by the aid of all concerned the church is taking on new life. The departments of the church are realizing their obligations and putting forth great effort in raising their apportionments for the State and National conventions as well as to report to the United Christian Missionary Society. The Church is now ready to entertain the National Convention, August 25.
XENIA CHURCH HAS A FULL PROGRAM
James Dickerson
555 E. Church St.
XENIA, Ohio

Xenia's Inter-racial Day program with the Church of Christ, at Jamestown, Ohio, will be celebrated at Jamestown, Feb. 9. The district meeting will be held in Xenia, Feb. 23. Nine baptisms were made in the church when the Springfield came down with three candidates and the two churches had a joint baptismal. Elder Poston, pastor of the Springfield church, brought the message.

INDIANA AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
4413 Indiana Avenue
By Alma P. Cummings

The annual Fellowship Social dinner of the Chicago Disciples Union was held at Austin Blvd. Christian Church, Oak Park, Illinois. Rev. Davis and five delegates were present at this affair. The young people of this church are taking an active part in the roundtable discussions held every fourth Sunday by the ladies of the Missionary Society. Miss Lucille Ramsey reviewed the book, "Stand by China."

Rev. Davis is attending the week of lecture and study held at the University of Chicago for the benefit of the minister. Mrs. Goldie Guy Martin and Mr. A. Paige are directing a Senior choir and Gospel Chorus. Prayer meetings show an increase in attendance. The fourth anniversary program for the Fellowship Circle of the blind was a major event. Rev. S. O. Dunn and the members of his Church of God hold their meetings at this church since the burning of their church. We wish to thank subscribers for renewals and urge each member to become a reader of the PLEA.

GROVE ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH PROGRESSES
Rev. David L. Truscott
4210 New Orleans
Houston, Texas

The church program at Grove St. Church has shown a remarkable improvement in its services, Bible School and other departments. The Ladies Aid Society, the Progressive Circle under Sister Willie Mae Smith are working hard at their goals. Sister M. D. Hayes has as a project to raise money, a box supper; Mrs. Jeannette Woodson is sponsoring an entertainment with the aid of the choir on the third Sunday. Offerings were taken up for Elder W. Taylor of Austin, Texas and for Elder Andrew C. Chichon, which pays his fare to Colden, Ill. Rev. David Truscott is working hard at interesting the people in the PLEA. Brethren, let us hear from you through the PLEA.

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NOTES FROM THE MAYSlick CHURCH
By A. D. Gault
Route 2, Mayslick, Ky.

Since the passing of our pastor, Rev. Botts, the church has not functioned in full. Rev. E. B. Toles of Paris made a visit Feb. 2. We are looking forward to the coming of Rev. H. D. Griffin on Feb. 16.

FIFTH CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Cincinnati, Ohio
By Pearl S. Allen
5634 Helen Street
Elmwood Place, Ohio

A successful benefit tea for the repair of the pool was sponsored by Mr. L. A. Divine and several ladies of the church. The financial drive on Sunday, Feb. 2, realized $102.00. A rally is planned for the first Sunday in April. Mrs. Ella Harding along with the other members of the Working Workers Club is sponsoring a pew service. They will have the gospel chorus and a woman speaker. Special praise should be given to Mrs. Cynthia Howard and Mrs. Lucy Stigall for their work with the children. A special song feast will be given by them Feb. 16.

COLLEGE ACTIVITIES

JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
Hawkins, Texas

"AROUND THE CAMPUS"

Mr. E. W. Eand returned to the campus on January 23, to resume his work on the Jarvis faculty after spending the first semester in Atlanta University where he obtained his M.S. degree in Biology.

Mr. C. C. Mosley left the campus on Thursday, January 30, enroute to the University of Illinois where he will compete in the requirements for the masters degree this semester.

Plans are being made to celebrate Founders' Day on March 29th, this year. It is the hope of all that the occasion will be as outstanding this year as last when Dr. Merl Epps eclipsed the day's activities with a soul stirring speech. His contribution will be a long remembered one to all those who were fortunate enough to hear him.

The Annual Football Banquet was observed on January 26. Mr. Raymond Johnson a former Jarvisite, acted as master of ceremonies. The program consisted of two selections from the newly organized college band, remarks from Mr. E. J. Dickson, selections by the Tidy Teen and Triple C Clubs, a tribute to the team by Mr. W. M. Payne, a response by Mr. Elmer Randall, captain of the team, a talk by Coach C. C. Mosley, a song by the team, and the school song by the audience.

The New Farmers of America Area One will conduct a half day's program at Jarvis College on Monday, February 10. The activities will include competing in leadership events, public speaking, chapter conducting, harmonica and banjo playing, stunts, barnyard mimicry, and quartette selections.


The Triple C. Club presented a four act drama, "The Noble Outcast," on February 1. The acting was outstanding.
Brotherhood Responds to National Convention Sunday

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Rev. W. O. Gill, B.A.

June will be the month of rejoicing for all Disciples because Brother W. O. Gill, 1703 8th St., N.W., Washington, D.C., will receive his B.D. from Howard University. Brother Gill received his B.A. from Talladega in 1930. He has attended Butler University and now is to graduate from Howard. He is a brilliant speaker and is doing a great work for the church.

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All subscribers who have not paid for this year, will be dropped with this issue. Renew at once.
—Mrs. Ruth D. Eppse, Secretary

25TH SILVER JUBILEE CONVENTION, AUG. 25-31, NASHVILLE

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Dr. J. E. Walker, Treasurer

The entire Brotherhood has taken on new life about the National work as evidenced by the reports which are being received at Dr. Walker's office. The Brotherhood is becoming consciousness of the demands made upon it to maintain a National set-up.

Our President, R. Wesley Watson, has asked all members to at least give one dollar on National Convention Sunday March 2. Our treasurer, Dr. Walker, is urging all churches to forward the amount they raise directly to his office, 234 Hernando St., Memphis, Tenn.

In view of the fact that we have been organized for twenty-five years and we are returning to Nashville, Tennessee, where the work was started under the able leadership of the late Preston Taylor, we should think and act in terms of twenty-five dollars.

Our Silver Jubilee Convention should be one of great rejoicing. Let every church write to Dr. Walker at once and send in your report.
TRUTH ABOUT JARVIS OIL

K. V. Lipscomb, chairman of the Jarvis Christian College Board of Trustees has printed the following statement in the March, 1941 issue of "The Christian Courier":

"Because certain misinformation and some unwarranted rumors have been going the rounds, it seems desirable that the facts regarding the oil situation at Hawkins as it affects the United Society and Jarvis Christian College be given to the Brotherhood.

Neither Jarvis College or the United Society owns any property that Jarvis occupies. Title to this property is in the Christian Woman's Board of Missions (a separate corporation) which has always owned the property. The C. W. B. M. has made their commercial leases covering 382 acres of land for which it received bonuses of nearly sixty thousand dollars. It still has unleased some 400 acres. The money from these leases we understand will be treated as part of the capital accounts of the C. W. B. M.

At this time there are no producing wells nearer than one mile of the Jarvis campus. Present development of the field seems to be toward west and north and there is no immediate prospect of any wells being drilled on the C. W. B. M. property. Naturally we hope that there is oil under some of this land and that eventually some wells will be brought in. But in any event development will be slow and returns if any strung out over a period because the Railroad Commission has already fixed an allowance of 150 barrels per acre per day, and a spacing of only one well to each twenty acres.

"As it stands today, neither the United Christian Missionary Society or Jarvis Christian College has received any money from the Hawkins oil boom. Therefore the needs of the United Society and its agencies are just as great and just as pressing as they have ever been.

"We sincerely hope that there will be no slackening of interest and no withholding of missionary gifts because of the Hawkins oil situation."

LOOKING FORWARD

By Elder L. H. Crawford
Nashville, Tenn.

I have been silent since our last convention, our local work has been so taxing, until we have not had time to write to you before.

First, I am with the president and the whole National Convention. The program that we are trying to put over will lead us to the goal, if we will not resort to personalities and not let selfish ambition come into our way of progress and victory.

When I look back over a period of twenty-five years I can truthfully say, "That the Lord has led us from one degree of Grace into another.

Only a few of those who were in the first National Convention still survive, we should feel highly honored to know that they are still active and willing to carry on in his name.

The National Convention will celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary here in Nashville—its birthplace. We are inviting those who were in the beginning of the organization to come and be our honored guests.

Our National Convention—There is nothing any better than to have the privilege of meeting with our brothers and sisters from all over the country at one time, during the year, in a great fellowship meeting together. Over this period of years there is a family tie that makes us all feel happy to be together, and we want it to remain so in joy, peace, and love.

When I left the office of president of the National Convention I felt very happy indeed, for the fine cooperation that everyone gave me.

Preston Taylor, Henry Herod, B. C. Calvert, and J. N. Ervin, these men thought well in their days, they all served as presidents of the National Convention. They are sleeping beneath the sod but their works still remain.

Preston Taylor, a great gospel preacher, a church builder, a business man, and an organizer. Henry Herod, a scholar and a prince of a preacher, and social leader. B. C. Calvert, a great evangelist and a defender of the New Testament church, a newspaper man, the owner of the Christian Dispatch. J. N. Ervin, a great educator, a great character builder, the first president of Jarvis College and a builder of schools. These men handed down to us rich inheritance, they stood by the constitution of the National Convention, they believed in the New Testament church and the program of the National Convention, they handed down a rich legacy. It was a pleasure of mine to take hold of this noble work where these men left off and I was glad to serve and to add my little bit of leadership to see that the program would not fail, and I am this time asking all my friends and the brotherhood at large to get behind the president, R. W. Watson, and let us go on to perfection, looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.

This is not the time for quarrels or back-biting, but this is the time for us to have the mind of Jesus Christ and work for the good of the brotherhood. I have the highest honor for those who worked with me and gave me their cooperation so earnestly doing my administration. I shall never forget them and I am today standing ready to make any sacrifice that the brotherhood may demand of me, knowing that the master said, "Lo, I am with you always even to the end of the earth."

The Money—The money we borrowed for the National Convention was not for the purpose of covering up for any one but it was a matter of business and your executive committee in a meeting held in Memphis in January, 1940, voted to borrow this money so that everything else would be out of the way for a larger year's work. Those who were present at the meeting were as follows: Dr. J. E. Walker, Prof. T. W. Pratt, Elder L. H. Crawford, Prof Merl R. Epps, M. O., Elder Ivory S. Ash, Mrs. H. L. Herod, Mrs. Preston Taylor, Mrs. Rosie Bracey, Mrs. Merl Epps. Letters were received from other members of the committee who assured us that whatever we did would be pleasing with them.

If the delegates of the Convention remember that when we accepted the President of the National Convention we had an indebtedness of seven hundred and fifty dollars and this was all paid at the St. Louis Convention. Now we have an indebtedness of four hundred dollars. We reported this at the National Convention and along with this there was an indebtedness of two hundred dollars for the Christian Plea, with the said amount donated to us from the home department of the U. M. C. S., we were able at the close of the Convention to pay the amount owed to the Plea and other expenses.

We are appealing to every church, to both district and state conventions as well as individuals to observe the Convention Day the first Sunday in March and let us by the help of God send in enough money to our treasurer to pay this indebtedness off.

Nashville is ready to serve the largest Convention ever held in the brotherhood. We are looking for you in the month of August. Come and we will do thee good.

BROTHERHOOD HAPPENINGS

Miss Ella Mae Alcorn, 913 S. 7th St., Louisville, Ky., reports the passing of a pioneer member, Mrs. Jennie Calloway, and also the passing of John C. Caldwell.

The officers of the Cross Street Christian Church, Little Rock, Ark., write that they are without a pastor.
Elder Griffin was unanimously elected by the State Board as half-time State Evangelist for Kentucky.

Editor Eppse has visited the churches in Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Md., and Brooklyn, N.Y.

Mrs. Preston Taylor attended the meeting of the Unified Promotion and Board of Review, February 24-26, at Indianapolis, Ind.

The Tri-State Missionary Board held its annual meeting, Saturday, February 10, in the office of Mr. John Stuart Mills, President of the board, S. S. Myers made opening remarks. Those present were: Mrs. A. E. Gilmore, S. S. Myers, and John Stuart (white) all of Missouri. Mr. John D. Zimmerman of Kansas was absent.

Elder A. W. Davis, W. H. Brown, E. M. Barrett, and Rev. R. H. Peoples attended. Elder Watson had spent 243 days on the field; 91 days in office; visited 70 places; preached 161 sermons; baptized 29; accepted $371.37 on the field; promoted a conference at Bonner Springs, Kansas.

The United Christian Church, 30th and McGraw St., Detroit, Michigan, held its fourth Anniversary, February 21-23. Rev. Robert L. Jordan, pastor; T. K. Rowe, reporter. Dr. Edgar DeWitt Jones, president of Central Woodward Christian Church closed the Anniversary service, Sunday, Mar. 2nd. This church is making a great record to be so young.

Rev. W. H. Taylor, 1702 Madison Ave., Baltimore, Maryland joined with Elders C. W. Whitney, 1934 Division St., Baltimore, Md., in welcoming the Editor of the Christian Plea to the city. The Editor spoke at both churches but the major meeting was at the Mt. Olivet Church. Rev. Whitney is doing a great work. He has a great congregation. Rev. Taylor is a great church builder and pledges wholehearted support to the Plea.

Rev. R. E. Hancock and Mrs. Hancock, 628 Hancock St., Brooklyn, N.Y., are building a substantial structure for a great Christian work. They are two of the most interesting people the Editor met. They are to be thanked for their hospitality and congratulated for the great work they are doing.

Elder W. F. Keyes, 462 Madison Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y., is to be congratulated on purchasing the finest, largest and most beautiful church for Disciples anywhere in our Brotherhood. These good folks need the wholehearted support of the Brotherhood. The Editor spoke for them February 24.

Brother N. F. Murdock, Chorister of Mt. Olivet Church, Baltimore, Md., is doing a great work.

Sister Esther Scott, 325 N. Calhoun St., Baltimore, Md., is the Christian Plea Secretary.

Mrs. Pearl Hayes, 502 Quincy St., Brooklyn, N.Y., is the Christian Plea Secretary for the Williamsburg Christian Church.

SOCIAL ACTION
MRS. RUTH D. EPPSE

In March 1939, an Army Bill required the Army to set up a flying school to train Negro pilots, but since then, in defiance of Congress, no such flying school has been established. Out of 62,200 licensed pilots in the country, 130 are Negroes. The Civil Aeronautics Board and the NYA are not training Negro pilots. Out of 180,000 men being trained as technicians, three are Negroes. One Negro aeronautical engineer, a graduate of M.I.T. and Stanford, has been taken on as a "probationary employee" by Douglas Aircraft, but with that exception no Negroes work in the aircraft industry.

Negroes are not allowed to remain in ROTC units in State Universities for more than two years, for students get officers' commissions in their third and fourth year. The Red Cross does not hire Negro nurses. When the War Department sent Gold Star mothers on a junket to France several years ago, the Negro Gold Star mothers were sent on a Jim-Crow freighter.

An amendment to the Burke-Wadsworth conscription bill consisting of two phrases, "regardless of race, creed or color," and "including aviation units," was passed by the Senate in August over the opposition of poll-tax Senators. It wasn't passed by the House-Senate conference committee. The act now reads: "No Negroes, because of race, shall be excluded from enlistment in the Army for service with colored military units." Brigadier General Lewis Hershey, temporary administrator of the draft, told Negroes, "The act says there is to be no discrimination, but the act also says that no man may come into the Army who is not acceptable to the Army." Headquarters of the First Corps Army area in Boston issued quiet instructions to draft boards not to take any Negroes at all in the first draft, but after getting publicity in the Negro press, the order was withdrawn.

Present Army plans are for inclusion of 36,000 Negroes in the first 400,000 men drafted. Most of them will serve in labor battalions. In the last war only 40,000 out of 200,000 Negroes in France were in the fighting forces. Southern officers were chosen to command Negro troops. On August 17, 1918, a memorandum was issued to French civil and military authorities from American General Headquarters, entitled, "Secret Information Concerning Black American Troops." It contained these statements:

"The Negro is regarded by the white American as inferior. The vices of the Negro are a constant menace to the American, who has to repress them sternly.

"We must prevent the risk of any pronounced degree of intimacy between French officers and black officers. We must not commend too highly the black American.

"Make a point of keeping the native clementation population from spoiling the Negroes."

MT. BEULAH COLLEGE CLUB
(S. C. I.)

Mrs. Lesley Clark
4110 Prairie Avenue
Chicago, III.

The joint dance sponsored by the club was quite a success as well as a very enjoyable affair.

Miss Rosa V. Brown of New Castle, Pa., was present as the house guest of Mrs. Rosa Page Welch.

We were very much surprised and disappointed to note in the last issue of the "Plea" that President P. C. Washington had visited our city and we did not get to see him.

Sunday, February 2, we had a very interesting meeting. Mr. Phillip Morris, a young man who has spent several years in Brazil studying the language and people, brought to us a very splendid lecture with slides of the beautiful scenery and outstanding personalities of that country.

The Choral Group gave a concert at Blue Island, Illinois, on the 18th of January. Rev. Fox, Miss Jamison and Gale Page Welch were new additions to the group.

Mr. John Claiborne, our corresponding secretary, is in camp at Fort Custer, Battle Creek, Michigan.

Since the last report, Mr. James Brooks, one of the first graduates of S. C. I. passed away after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Ollie Lewis McFerrin and family suffered an awful tragedy in the burning of their home and possessions recently. A nice offering was taken for them at the meeting.

Mrs. Nannie Lewis Richardson is on the sick list. Both of these young women are sisters of our president, Mr. John C. Lewis.

Mr. Leroy Loadholt has also been on the sick list for some time.
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1 John, 1-7

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ALL NEWS MUST BE IN BY SEVENTH OF EACH MONTH

EDITORIALS

AN INTERRACIAL PARAPHRASE

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels in advocacy of fair treatment for other races and to secure relief and education and the spread of the gospel, but do not have a sincere feeling of brotherhood toward men of different color or culture, my attitude becomes censcendence, and my patronage like sounding brass and tinkling cymbals.

And tho I preach convincingly coming harmony among all nations, and understand all racial differences, and all the economic and social aspects of international and interracial relations, and tho I have all faith so that I could remove mountains of prejudice through the zeal of my appeals, but cannot win the full and unreserved confidence of men of other races through the spirit of friendliness, I am nothing.

And tho I bestow all my goods to feed sufferers from floods in China or from droughts in India, and tho I endure social ostracism in service for Negroes and have not a spirit of respect and appreciation for men of other races it profiteth me nothing.

And now abideth faith in the unity of mankind, hope for the ultimate triumph of goodwill, loving friendliness for all without regard to race or color; these three; but the greatest of these is loving friendliness.

SOME DON'T'S FOR CHURCHES

By C. H. Dickerson, Lexington, Ky.

In speaking of the preacher's "don'ts" let's not forget the church's. Unless their don'ts have turned to won'ts, and left us in the lurches, if negatives just must prevail, tho' not a pleasant matter. Together church and preacher fail, then let us "up and at her." Don't let the church forget her day, don't let her lose her Savior. Don't let her on the back seat stay, for this is bad behavior. Don't let her stay outside and talk, don't let her come in late. Don't let her at communion balk, nor miss collection plate.

To lift "the whole works" higher, Don't aim to come and toast your toes. Unless you bring some fire.

Don't be the last to come to church, Don't be the first to leave.

Don't scold because you have to stay. Five minutes on your knees.

Don't pay the other debts in full, And let the preacher go;

When you'd be angry as a bull, If you were treated so.

MISS CARNELLA L. JAMISON IS HONORED WITH OFFICE

At the International Council of Religious Education which convened at the Stevens Hotel, Chicago, Ill., February 10-12, Miss Carnella L. Jamison, a registered member of the Missionary Education section was at this meeting and elected secretary-treasurer of that section. The Negro Disciples present were: Mr. R. H. Peoples, Mrs. R. P. Welch, Mr. Wm. Fox and Miss Jamison. The council is composed of some forty denominations who meet annually in sixteen different sections to discuss different phases of Religious Education. Mr. Peoples is a registered member of the Young People's section. Martin Harvey of the A. M. E. Church was elected chairman of the Young People's section for the next year. He is the first Negro to hold this office.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL
CROSS ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH
By Mrs. H. M. Ball

1005 W. 17th St., Little Rock, Ark.

The parade of months proved to be quite a successful affair for the Woman's Council of the Cross St. Church. Each key lady of the Council represented a month of the year, and with her four others to represent the month with her and seven to represent the days of the week. These groups were to raise $5.70. Each lady gave important dates and facts about her particular month. A sum of $44.68 was raised.

The Council held its regular monthly meeting, March 4, at the home of Mrs. Henrietta Ball. Devotion was led by President, Mrs. Orine Cole, with songs, prayers and scriptures to match the hour. This devotional hour was inspirational as well as spiritual.

After the devotions a business period was held. During this time future plans and disbursement of funds were made.

After the business session, scriptural talks were given by Mrs. Henriette Ball and Mrs. Cornelina Mathis. These were truly soul-stirring messages which inspired the Council to go into a greater field of endeavor.
CHRISTIAN PLEA SUBSCRIPTIONS AND RENEWALS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

REPORTED BY A. D. GAULT, Route 2, Mayislick, Ky.
1. Mr. James January, Route 1, Mayislick, Ky. (Sub. 1940-41) 1.00
2. Miss Ada B. Anderson, Route 2, Mt. Sterling (Sub. 1940-41) 1.00
3. Mr. L. D. Poyntz, Germantown, Ky. (Sub. 1940-41) 1.00

REPORTED BY MRS. C. E. ROWAN, 625 Mississippi Ave., Memphis, Tenn.
1. Miss Magie Hollingsworth, 585 Walker Ave. Memphis, Tenn. (Sub. 1940-41) 75
2. Mrs. Charles Johnson, 558 Stephens Ave. Memphis, Tenn. (Sub. 1940-41) 75
3. Miss Maggie Hollingsworth, 585 Walker Ave. Memphis, Tenn. (Sub. 1940-41) 75
4. Miss Alberta Calloway, 3810 Greenwood, Louisville, Ky. (Sub. 1942-43) 75
5. Mr. Richard Thurman, Stanford, Kentucky, 1.00
6. Miss Carnella L. Jamison, 222 Downey Ave., Indianapolis, Ind. (Sub. 1940-41) .50
7. Mrs. Lizzie Mitchell, 227 W. Pedregosa St., Santa Barbara, Calif. (Sub. 1940-41) 1.00

REPORTED BY MRS. CATHALINE A. MARTIN, 3813 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill.
1. Mrs. Harriet Washington, 456 E. 46th Pl., Chicago, Ill. (Sub. 1940-41) 1.50
2. Mrs. Lura Birdens Atkins, 264 W. Division St., Chicago, Ill. 1.00

REPORTED BY MISS ELLA MAE ALCORN, 913 S. 7th St., Louisville, Ky. (Club of 5).
1. Mr. James Hathaway, 716 S. Preston St., Louisville, Ky. (Sub. 1942-43) 75
2. Mrs. Mamie Vandyke, 173 S. 7th St., Louisville, Ky. (Sub. 1942-43) 75
3. Mrs. Esther Scott, 325 N. Calhoun Street, Baltimore, Md. (Sub. 1940-41) .75
4. Rev. L. Whitfield, 1833 Division Street, Baltimore, Md. (Sub. 1940-41) .50
5. Miss O. B. Lewis, 622 Chestnut Street, Lexington, Ky. (Sub. 1940-41) 75
6. Miss Carnella L. Jamison, 222 Downey Ave., Indianapolis, Ind. (Sub. 1940-41) .50
7. Mrs. Emma Walker, 4th and Ohio Sts., Lexington, Ky. (Sub. 1940-41) .75

REPORTED BY MRS. O. H. REEVES, 1703 Division St., Baltimore, Md. (Sub. 1940-41) 1.00

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REPORTED BY MRS. MAE DICKERSON, 349 Ohio St., Lexington, Ky.
1. Mrs. Amelia Jones, Lexington, Ky. (Sub. 1940-41) .75
2. Mrs. Bernice Christopher, Lexington, Ky. (Sub. 1940-41) 1.00
3. Mrs. Mamie Vandyke, Lexington, Ky. (Sub. 1940-41) .75
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REPORTED BY ELDER C. H. DICKERSON, 509 Ohio St., Lexington, Ky.
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REPORTED BY EDITOR ON EASTERN TRIP: 440 Fourth Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn.
1. Mrs. Pearl Clark, 1706 W. Wentwood Ave., Baltimore, Md. (Sub. 1940-41) 1.00
2. Mr. Matthew Carter, 555 Dolphi Street, Baltimore, Md. (Sub. 1940-41) 1.00
3. Mrs. Esther Scott, 325 N. Calhoun Street, Baltimore, Md. (Sub. 1940-41) 1.00
4. Mrs. L. C. Williams, 325 Division Street, Baltimore, Md. (Sub. 1940-41) .50
5. Rev. W. C. Myers, 1170 8th Street W., Washing-тон, D.C. (Sub. 1940-41) 1.00
6. Rev. W. O. Gill, 1706 8th St. N.W., Wash-ington, D.C. (2 Y. 1940-42) 1.00

REPORT FOR PLEAS SOLD:
Miss Ella Mae Atorn 50

JAMISON COLUMN

This is a second in a series of articles to be contributed by the women leaders in our Brotherhood. The purpose is to deepen the religious phase of our paper as well as render additional help to our Missionary organizations as these topics are developed around the regular devotional theme. Mrs. O. H. Reeves is responsible for this contribution.—Carnella L. Jamison, National Secretary, Missionary Organizations.

I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH: A LEAVEN IN SOCIETY

Mrs. Oneida Howard Reeves
State Secretary of Missionary Organizations—Oklahoma
Muskgogee, Oklahoma

"Another parable spake He unto them: The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened."—Matthew 13:33.

Permit me to paraphrase this scripture to read thus: The kingdom of heaven is like unto Christianity which the church planted in society, till the whole of society was Christianized. Just this is the task of the church.

The church, as such, must primarily be concerned with the spiritual needs of society, but it also has a very definite part to play in the physical needs of mankind. Did not the Master recognize this fact as He went about doing good? Not only did He minister to the spiritual man, but He healed the sick, and made the blind to see and the lame to walk; yes, and fed the multitudes when they were hungry. He was a leaven to society. His church must be a leaven in society today. Certainly, the church holds a place that cannot be filled by any other agency. Only in Christ will East meet West, will class distinction be forgotten, and race prejudices be overcome. The church, Christ's own institution, is the clearing house of all these differences. Paul has admonished: "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ in the church."

Prayer, under the title "And There's a Cross for Me," is sent free with each quantity order for the services contains suggestions and source materials for the talks included in the services. Additional copies of this Supplement are available at 5 cents each to cover cost and postage. Pamphlets of services, 35 cents per dozen; $1.10 for 50; $2.00 for 100.

If any president failed to receive the sample copy of the service, it may have been that our mailing files have not been brought up to date. Inquire of the person who was president before you and if you cannot locate a copy write to the national office.

Remember that the nominating committee for next year's officers is to be named at the April meeting and all plans made for the election at the May meeting.

This month marks the end of the year's third quarter. Three-fourths of the year's goals and aims should be realized by this date.

Easter Week of Prayer

Services for the Easter Week of Prayer, under the title "And There's a Cross For Me," are ready for distribution and sample copies were sent in February to the presidents and missionary chairmen of all adult missionary organizations with suggestions for ordering.

This year there are three services in the pamphlet instead of the five which have been issued for several years. This is in accordance with reports we have had from local groups and from state leaders regarding the number of services customarily held. These reports indicate that the majority of churches plan not more than three services.

The services this year, prepared by Miss Genevieve Brown, secretary of the missionary education department, seeks to develop a deeper sense of comradeship with Christ in the experience of the cross as individuals see the call to sacrificial living in the present day of conflict and suffering. The three services are: "Jesus Is Still on the Cross"; "These Have Shared His Cross"; and "And There's a Cross for Me."

A Supplement to Easter Week of Prayer Services, 1941, copy of which is sent free with each quantity order for the services contains suggestions and source materials for the talks included in the services. Additional copies of this Supplement are available at 5 cents each to cover cost and postage. Pamphlets of services, 35 cents per dozen; $1.10 for 50; $2.00 for 100.
May I again call your attention to the new map of The Work of the Churches through The United Christ-
ian Missionary Society. This map which sells for only twenty-five cents will be a great help to you in your
mission study. By the way, if you do not already have one of the 1940 Handbooks—fifteen cents—you should
order both and have a combination of very valuable informational ma-

WHO'S WHO IN BLUEFIELD,
WEST VIRGINIA

MRS. MARY RIPPY

Mrs. Mary Rippy, Superintendent

President R. Wesley Watson

It was our privilege to attend the

Budget and Review Meeting in In-

dianapolis and it was a most inter-

esting session. In this meeting it was

agreed that the Disciples of Christ

would raise one million dollars for

the work, think of that! Well some

one says it will not mean us. Yes we

will be called upon to share in it and

it is a worthwhile effort. Then I

thought of the great challenge that

comes to us as a National, we went

on record for an asking budget of

$3,000. What a small job for some

42,600 Disciples of our group. Let us

do it and also have a part in the

larger work.

We preached to a very acceptable

audience Sunday morning in Indi-

anapolis, Ind. found Brother Camp-

bell and his people busy and going

over in a fine way. On our way to

Indianapolis, we had the pleasure of

preaching for our St. Louis Church,

one of the leading forces in Mission-

ary work, P. H. Grey, Pastor. The

3rd of March was their Board meet-

ing but after Board Meeting, Brother

Grey was big-hearted enough to per-

mit us to have a Conference in be-

half of our National work. It was an

interesting meeting.

Brethren, let us not forget our In-

ternational Convention which will

meet in St. Louis, May 1-7. Let us

do our best to have a large represen-

tation there. The St. Louis Church

is planning to have one hundred of

its members register with one dollar

in the interest of the Convention. We

would be happy to have churches re-

port of their effort on March 2nd in

behalf of National Work. Mrs. Prest-

on Taylor was present at the meet-

ing and informed us that they will

be looking for us to the National.

It was a great pleasure to have the

fellowship of President P. C. Wash-

ington, of Jarvis College while in In-

dianapolis. He is doing a most worth-

while work in a fine way. May God

bless him and a great brotherhood as

all do their part for Kingdom Build-

ing. We appreciate the many fine

letters of encouragement and hope

for our National Work. Brethren and

Sisters, let us join hands and heart

and pull together for Christ and His

Church.

NATIONAL OFFICER ADDRESSES

UNIFIED YOUTH GROUP

Mississippi Blvd. Christian Church

By Mildred S. Riley

1533 Brittan St., Memphis, Tenn.

The Unified Youth Group of the Mississippi Blvd. Christian Church

met Sunday afternoon, February 16,

1941, in the home of Mr. and Mrs.

Jan. T. Chandler, Miss Helen Chand-

ler, hostess, and Mrs. Mildred Riley,

president. After a musical program,

composed of selections by Mrs. Beu-

lah T. Farris, Misses Claudia and

Margaret Wilkerson, Mr. Arthur P.

Martin, Jr., and Miss Dorothy Stover,

the main speaker, Miss Carnella L.

Jamison, discussed “What does your

church do for you in a day like this?”

Miss Jamison, National Secretary and

Field Worker, came directly from the

Chicago Theological Seminary where

she is now studying. We wish every

member of the Christian Church could

have heard her. Remarks were made

by the pastor, Rev. Blair T. Hunt.

After Sunday School, Miss Jamison

held an installation service for a new

group which was organized, the Hi-

Tri group. Officers elected were: Presi-

dent, Miss Billye De Walt; vice presi-

dent, Mr. David Key; secretary, Miss

Erdyne Chandler; assistant secretary,

Miss Bettye Ann Evans; treasurer,

Mr. Horace Chandler; chaplain, Mr.

John A. Olive; program chairman,

Misses Kathryn Gilliam and Freddie

Miller; reporter, Mr. UTILILLS Phillips,

Jr.; counsellors, Rev. B. T. Hunt, Mrs.

Katie Yarbrough, Mrs. Helen Chand-

ler, Mrs. Mildred Riley. This group is

composed of 21 members.

THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST

By Mildred S. Riley

The old church of Stuart, under the leadership of our young pastor, Rev.

Edward E. Patterson, is doing service in the uplift of humanity. Rev.

R. L. Peters, our National Evangelist, will deliver a sermon on the long

years service rendered by this church. A class in training for service is well

attended and creates great interest. The Junior group in the church are

to be commended for their church ac-

tivities. Miss Lois Rucker, the musi-

cian and church clerk has been an

active worker in the church for the past twenty years.
The Magnolia Youth Conference will come to S.C.I. the week of March 23-30. The promotional campaign was started in the several district meetings last fall and a large number of young people and adult leaders are expected to attend. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Peoples, Vance G. Smith, Carneilla Jamison, and Mrs. Geneva Towns will be assisted by our staff members in the instruction and guidance of the conference activities. President Long, a veteran conference dean will direct the administrative affairs of the Conference.

The official basketball season closed March first with the tournament at Tougaloo College. S.C.I. was eliminated in the second round by Tougaloo. Alcorn College state champions since 1934, was dethroned by Tougaloo after the game which ended 27-21.

Intra-mural basketball to determine the campus champions begins this week under the direction of the Student Council.

After years of agitation by proxy, the Negroes are to have another state school. The building and grounds of Jackson College have been leased to the state and the name changed to the Mississippi Training School for Negroes. This is to be a teacher training institution of Junior College rank. State funds supplemented by a generous budget from the General Education Board will probably make this the state’s best school in its area of specialization.

The Spring term, our contribution to the improvement of teaching personnel, will begin April 7 and continue for six weeks. Since most of the rural schools will have closed by that time approximately a hundred teachers from Hinds, Warren and adjacent counties are expected to attend.

Lehman Hall continues on its interrupted march toward maturity. The installation of bath and lighting fixtures, permanent floors, window and door casings all point to the day when the long needed home for our young men will be completed. We will then have the best dormitory for men in the state.

Rev. and Mrs. Payson D. Derby, David, and Ruth Ann joined our staff February first. Rev. Derby is a graduate of Hiram College and Auburn Theological Seminary. In addition to his training for the ministry he has had special training in manual arts which will be a part of his teaching duties in the 1941-42 school year. We are glad to have a man with his training, experience, and personality added to our staff and we wish for him and his family a long period of mutually beneficial service.

The Student Council had its first official meeting in January. Representatives of each high school and college class and the faculty representative chose Grady Smith, class of 1941, president; James Killingsworth, 1942, vice president; Alma Lee, 1943, secretary. The Council will assist in the control of all social affairs and intramural sports, and serve as a disciplinary committee for all cases arising in these areas of activity. We believe that this venture will be mutually beneficial and that the students experience in self-government will have a wholesome and permanent influence upon their careers as well as in their community and civic relationships.

JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
Hawkins, Texas

“Around the Campus”

By Miss Venita C. Carney

The musical organizations of Jarvis are quite busy during this period. A program was rendered by a group on February 16 at the First Christian Church and the Clark Street Christian Church of Greenville, Texas. The renditions were enjoyed by all.

On March 6, they will sing at a Laymen’s meeting in the newly erected Kilgore Christian Church.

On March 21, they are to sing in Tyler, Texas. Miss Mona Stein Moffat is instrumental in promoting this trip. The program will be an exchange program.

Preparation is being made for the annual musical. It is thought that a stage appearance will be made the latter part of March.

The orchestra is scheduled to render a program at the Rambo School on April 9.

Miss O. S. Barker and Mr. Terry Alexander were guest artists on the Annual Musical Program of the Longview High School on February 28. Miss Irene Gentry, a former Jarvis student, directs the Longview High School Choral group. She will bring her group to Jarvis for a program during the first week in May.

Miss H. M. Ware, director of the band, is pleased with the progress which the band is making.

The secretary of the Athletic Committee reported that the final payment had been made on the band instruments. These are the first instruments to be owned by the college.

The Jarvis basketball team is on a week’s tour. They are scheduled to play in Fairview, Marietta, Rambo, and Grambling, Louisiana. The tour will lead to a termination when the team plays in the conference Tournament at Grambling.

The Sunday morning services during the month of March will be conducted by the following groups:

March 2—Freshman Class
March 9—Sophomore Class
March 16—Missionary Society
March 23—Junior Class
March 30—District Meeting

Health Week will be observed at Jarvis from March 30 to April 5. Plans are being made for a whole-hearted observance of the week. Dr. M. L. Edwards, resident physician and chairman of the Health Committee, will conduct the week’s activities.

President I. S. Jackson of Butler College, Tyler, Texas will be the Founder’s Day speaker this year. Founder’s Day will be observed on March 29. The morning will consist of field day activities and the afternoon will be devoted to the formal program and reception.

The Inter-Scholastic League of the high schools in Wood County will hold its annual meeting on the Jarvis campus on March 15. This is scheduled to be a big day for the contesting high schools.

The N.F.A. held its meeting on the campus on February 17, and was attended by a large number of participating high schools. The program rendered by the New Farmers of America was interesting. The student participation was outstanding. Through such activities, Jarvis has been able to serve the community in a beneficial way as a community center.

OHIO STATE PRESIDENT SPEAKS AT OXFORD CHURCH

Mrs. Flossie Herd
317 N. Beech St.
Oxford, Ohio

Rev. Wilbert, the State President, was accompanied by two of his loyal members, Brothers Riffe and Gaston, when he preached here on the second Sunday in January. The congregation has been favored with good messages by Rev. M. Dabney, of Cincinnati for the past three Sundays. Rev. Fowler, of Lockland, visited the church two weeks ago. The church mourns the loss of one of its members, Sister Louise Dickerson.
LEXINGTON HOLDS BIG STATE BOARD MEETING
By A. D. Gault, Secretary
Mayslick, Kentucky

Reverend C. H. Dickerson at the East 2nd Street Church was the host to the State Board meeting held in Lexington. The meeting was opened by the President’s address on the subject of “Brotherhood.” Seventy-nine dollars and forty-seven cents was reported from the churches. Mr. George French from district 4 led in money raised by sending $44.28. Rev. H. D. Griffin was elected State Evangelist for half-time. Notices will soon be sent out to the churches stating the apportionments to be raised by April.

EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
By Mrs. E. E. Foard
1702 Madison Ave.
Baltimore, Maryland

The Emmanuel Church, under the leadership of their church, Elder W. H. Taylor and his assistant pastor is recognized by other churches as outstanding. Elder Taylor’s advice is sought on religious and civic matters and was re-elected first vice president of the Inter-denominational Ministerial Alliance of Baltimore and vicinity.

It was under this strong leadership that Emmanuel Church is now free from all indebtedness and serving the Lord under its own “Vine and fig tree.” The parsonage has been redecorated along with many other accomplishments.

MAYSlick CHurch Loses Pastor
By A. D. Gault
Route 2
Mayslick, Kentucky

The Lord saw fit to call Reverend D. L. Botts, our good pastor from labor to reward, December 28. The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord. A great man has fallen in Israel.

Reverend D. L. Botts served as our pastor here at Mayslick for four years and eight months. He was a true leader, a good shepherd who led his people where they could find green pastures. We feel, our loss is Heaven’s gain. We think of the good words of David. He cannot come back to us but we can go to him. He has gone to that home not made with hands, who the builder and maker is God. Rev. Botts’ work will continue to live on at Mayslick. His good sermons and songs will live in our hearts. He was a man that produced good fruit. A good soldier has fallen on the battlefield for the cause.

We do not want Rev. Botts to come back to this land of sorrow but let us live to meet him when the Master calls. Yes, he will be missed and his good work will be missed in the Mayslick church.

WINCHESTER, KY. CHURCH BACKED BY LOYAL MEMBERS
The Broadway Christian Church
Elder Owens, Pastor
231 W. Broadway
Winchester, Kentucky

The Winchester Church under the able leadership of its pastor, Elder Owens is centering its efforts on having a beautiful place of worship and a place in which to rededicate themselves to the God. Their Superintendent is appreciated for his ability in keeping the church going forward, financially and spiritually. Mrs. Frankie Parrish and members of the Woman’s Club were behind the pastor in sending to the needy baskets during the Christmas season. A three way spring rally is in the making for current expenses, building funds, and convention assessments. Dr. Wilma Mae Hunter is boosting the work of the young people. George A. Frazier is the youngest pastor in Kentucky and is proving to be a consecrated young minister. Elder Owens, the pastor of this church has held many successful meetings. He is willing to visit your church. A free-will offering is his only requirement.

CLARK ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Elder F. C. Carey, Pastor
1123 N. Wesley
Joseph McCowan, Secretary
N. T. Fudgen, Reporter
Greenville, Texas

Elder Carey is carrying things forward in a spiritual way. Already for the month of January, six new members have been added to the church. We have finished a new roofing on the building and when other repairs are completed the church will be like new.

In December, the white Junior Carey and the Colored football team, the principal and coach of Booker T. High School with a banquet at his church. The proceeds went to the church. Members of the Chamber of Commerce and faculty members, Dr. N. J. Atkinson and others.

Brother Ulysses Gibson and Sister Susie Johnson have organized a male chorus of nineteen voices. Clark St. Christian Church wishes for the Brotherhood prosperity and happiness.

CALIFORNIA CHURCH IN NEW QUARTERS
BIRCH STREET WILL MOVE
Our oldest Negro congregation. Birch Street Church, which has for many years been located at 14th and Birch, which is now in the very heart of an industrial area, and most undesirable for a church location, has finally brought to consummation, through the efforts of our state office, the exchange of its property for the fine church plant now owned by the Armenian Gethsemane Congregational Church at 28th and Palomar, directly across from the Negro YMCA.

This will put this congregation in the very heart of the Negro population and ought to mean that we will have one of our strongest Christian churches in that area. Under the leadership of Walter J. Bryant, their new minister, and with the enthusiasm displayed among their leadership and through the whole congregation, this church is set for bright days ahead. We pray that nothing will transpire to prevent the congregation unitedly supporting its leaders in this new venture.

CLAY ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH ENDS BOOK SALE DRIVE
By Elder J. O. Bowles
612 N. 13th St., Paducah, Kentucky

On Sunday, February 9, the Clay Street Christian Church, Paducah, Ky., ended a BOOK SALE DRIVE. The object of the Drive was to secure 250 subscriptions at $1.00 each for Miss Osceola A. Dawson’s publication of “HUMAN MISERIES.” Miss Dawson is the Registrar at the West Kentucky Vocational Training School and a member of the Clay St. Christian Church. “OF HUMAN MISERIES” had been accepted for publication by the Pegasus Publishing Company, and is now being managed by Fortune’s Publishing Company, 87 Fifth Avenue, New York. Miss June West, widely known critic says that
in this collection of four short stories "The gifted young author reveals a rare insight into the mainsprings of human behavior, thought and feeling."

In December, Clay St. Christian Church accepted the challenge to secure 250 subscriptions necessary for publication. Ten captains, Mrs. Lois Bacon, Miss Lucille Banks, Mr. Robert L. Boyd, Mrs. Willie Boyd, Mrs. J. O. Bowles, Mrs. Oseola Brownlee, Mrs. Minnie Hodge, Mr. W. O. Nuckolls, Mrs. S. E. Pearson, and Mrs. S. A. Pleasant, were selected. Mrs. J. O. Bowles raised the highest amount of money of $118.62.

Reverend J. H. Steward, pastor, St. James C. M. E. Church, Paducah, Ky., brought the main address on the final program, Sunday, February 9, at Clay St. Church. The St. James Choir rendered music for the occasion and several members of Clay St. participated on the program. The church is profoundly grateful to all persons and organizations, both in and out of Paducah, who contributed to the success of the Drive.

ALAMEDA ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Elder R. C. Malokey, Pastor
Mrs. A. Jackson, Reporter
710 Gay St., Nashville, Tennessee

We are happy to report that the church is doing nicely. We have a large Christian Endeavor Society and our president is a wide-awake, well-qualified person to lead our young people. We are preparing a two weeks meeting and each department is uniting in the effort to fight sin. One of our Elders, Brother C. P. Johnson, has been seriously ill but is now recovered. The Bible School is preparing for an Easter program. This Church will be one year old the first Lord's Day in April. Brethren, pray for us.

NEWS FROM TENNESSEE
By Elder S. Kenney
Tennessee State President

207 Elmo Street, Johnson City, Tenn.
The East Tennessee District meeting and the Youth Fellowship will convene in Jonesboro, in April. The Jonesboro church has a Junior Christian Endeavor of 50 members. The West Main Street Church, Johnson City, has active clubs, Bible School, and Christian Endeavor Society. Knoxville, Rogersville, and Washington College churches are making progress. Much credit is given to the Elder of the church, Robert Murphy, for the Jellico Church remaining open. The churches of Middle and West Tennessee report progress.

The minutes of the 1940 State Convention will be furnished by the State President. Plans are being made for a two day State Convention to be held at the Gay St. Church, Nashville, prior to the National Convention, in August.

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By Mrs. E. Fougé
1720 Madison Ave., Baltimore, Md.
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NATIONAL PRESIDENT VISITS ON 58TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Elder William H. Brown, Pastor
1225 Buchanan St., Topeka, Kansas

During the celebration of the 58th Anniversary of the Second Street Christian Church they were honored with a visit from the National President, Brother R. Wesley Watson and Brother A. M. Thomas of Kansas City, Mo. Another event of this time was the burning of a mortgage of long standing. From January 20-26 each auxiliary, under its president, presented a program. Those in charge were: Mrs. Mayanna Andrews, Pastor's Aid Society; Mrs. Rachel Watkins, Missionary Society; Miss Hazel Moore, Superintendent, Bible School; Mrs. Mary E. Duke, Ladies' Aid Society; Miss Vivian Parson, Young People's Forum; and Mr. Daniel Sawyer, Deacon's Day. At the close of the celebration, each family of the church was presented with a history of the church.

FAIR ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH PLANS TO CLEAR INDEBTEDNESS
By Mrs. Agatha Bascom
312 Fair St., Springfield, Ohio

Elder H. C. Poston, pastor of the Fair Street Christian Church recently erected a beautiful, modern church building and parsonage. Two thousand dollars has been paid off of the indebtedness incurred. One thousand dollars was a loan from the Church Extension Division of the United Society. The church with its organized plan of raising money has chosen as its captains, Sisters Christian Sydes, Nannie Dickerson, and W. B. Pierson over groups. $250.00 has been raised since January.

The small congregation is proud of their pastor and his wife who are held in high esteem in the community. He is very active in the City Ministerial Alliance and she is a leader in the Minister's Wives Council. They are recovering from a serious illness. During the month of February, Elder Poston officiated at two funerals.

Miss Hannah Frances Clayborn, a member of the younger group of the church, became the bride of Mr. Curtis Tuck. A picture of the church will appear soon in the Christian Plea.

WARREN STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH
By Mrs. Frances Robinson
707 Pine Street, Warren, Ohio

The Christian Endeavor celebrated its 16th Anniversary with the Fourth District of Ohio at the Second Street Christian Church, Warren, Ohio. The church now has fifty new songbooks. Mrs. Samatha Frazier of the Second Baptist Church spoke on the Woman's Missionary Program. Young 16 year old Compton, the son of the pastor, is an ordained minister and spoke at the New Hope Church. He was accompanied by the Junior Choir. Recovering from illness are Mrs. Pearson, Elder Johnson and Mrs. Iola Jackson. We pray that our new member, Mrs. Ola Bell McTize shall always be led by the hand of God.

EAST SIXTH STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Will Mae Pegus, Reporter
411 S. 13th St., Oklahoma, City, Okla.

East Sixth Street Church raised $153.52 during the month of February. There is now more than $200.00 in the general treasury. Rev. Kelly Oneal, pastor of the Crown Heights Christian Church is expected to be the speaker at the March meeting at which time $100.00 is the goal to be raised for the building fund.

The pastor has an Evangelistic program planned in which he expects to bring 45 new members in to the church by June 30. Enthusiasm is high and it is hoped that the church will entertain the State Convention in a new building. Visitors are welcomed to this church.
MONROE AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
C. W. Arnold, Minister
Mrs. Hannah Barnett, Reporter
Columbus, Ohio

On Tuesday, February 11th, several members and friends of the congregation surprised the pastor, C. W. Arnold, with a party on his thirty-fourth birthday anniversary. He was presented with cash and several useful gifts.

The membership has been divided into ten clubs for the purpose of raising finance leading up to the Silver Anniversary of the church to be held in March. Some of the outstanding ministers of the Brotherhood have pastored at Monroe Avenue, including J. A. McCowan, H. G. Smith, S. C. Divine, I. H. Moore, Dr. G. C. Campbell, C. E. Craggett and the present minister, C. W. Arnold.

The church was started as a mission by J. W. Evans in the home of Mrs. Carrie Coles, 1407 Granville St. A cornerstone laying will be included with the anniversary services.

March 2nd, the pastor preached two inspiring sermons on "The New Testament Church in Action" and "Aaniah and Sapphira."

Plans are being made in advance for the observance of Easter. The Easter Worship Prayer under the auspices of the Missionary Society will consist of three services, the highlight of which will be the Communion Services on Thursday evening with three of the outstanding Methodist ministers and their congregations who will commune with us around the Lord's Table.

On Easter a sunrise service with breakfast at the church. At 11:00 A.M. the pastor will bring a message on "The Philosophy of the Cross." Special music under the direction of Mrs. Bickson.

SPECIAL FEATURES GAIN ATTENTION
South Side Christian Church
426 E. 46th Place, Chicago
Rev. R. E. LaTouche, Pastor
Miss Kathryn Martyn, Reporter
Rev. R. E. LaTouche called the entire membership of the church and the Sunday School to the observance of the Lenten season in making some personal sacrifice.

The year 1941 was begun with a series of sermons by the pastor stressing the development of better stewardship in every phase of life. Youth Sunday was observed by the Young People's organization under the leadership of Miss Mildred LaTouche, one of the city's efficient social workers. Rev. F. D. Jackson was guest speaker and Miss Carnella Jamison and Mr. Foster Craggett, student at Eureka College made timely remarks.

Interracial Sunday was observed with Rev. J. Warren Leonard, pastor of our Disciple Church at Joliet, Ill., as speaker. Mrs. Leonard and a large number of his members accompanied him. Music was directed by Mr. Charles Martyn and the S.C.I. Choral Ensemble, directed by Mr. Welch. Recently Rev. LaTouche and Mrs. Rosa Page Welch were guests at the Joliet Church. Rev. LaTouche spoke on the "Status of the Negro Disciples in Chicago." Mrs. Welch delivered an inspiring talk on the contributions of S.C.I. in Chicago. Due to this visit many supplies were sent to S.C.I. in the form of books and clothing.

On March 2nd, Atty Charles F. McElroy, a trustee of the University Disciple Church, was the principal speaker. He gave to the congregation the full significance of the Lend-Lease Bill. Rev. LaTouche is not only concerned with the spiritual and religious life of the people, but also the civic and economic life of our group.

Recently he has attended the lecture course at Chicago University, the University of Arkansas. There must be mutual help among our ministers. A place in the national days. We have had Bible conferences which bring the membership up to 50 in number. Each department is thriving, the Bible School is just in its infant stage of development, started eighteen months ago under its present pastor, Rev. R. F. Hayes, it is growing on the sincere work of God. A ten night Evangelistic meeting closed with four additions to the church. This is the eleventh addition since the National Convention which brings the membership up to 50 in number. Each department is thriving, the Bible School under Brother Taylor Cole, Christian Endeavor under Brother George Jones and the Missionary Society under the leadership of Sister Dixie Rutledge.

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MUSKOGEE CHURCH OBSERVED NATIONAL DAYS
By Mrs. C. L. Joseph
218½ N. 2nd St., Muskogee, Okla.

We have been blessed with the spirit of Unified Duty in observing all National days. We have had Bible School every Sunday with Supt. S. B. Wallick and teachers present, eleven o'clock services, and Christian Endeavor in the afternoon. Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Meadows have a fine Junior Choir. The Workers Conference holds its executive meeting every first Friday at the Center. A twenty year Quiz, honoring the birthdays of Sisters S. A. Pirtle and Annie Johnson, was given by Mrs. C. L. Joseph. Present at this party were some who had worshipped together twenty years ago, as, Brother Walling, Brother and Sister C. H. Johnson, Sisters A. V. Hargrove, S. A. Pirtle, L. M. Barrett, Anna Jumper and C. L. Joseph. Guests were: Brother Hargrove, Elder Z. H. Howard, Mrs. Z. M. Harris, Mrs. O. M. Reeves, and Mrs. T. M. Fowler. The sum of $3.00 was raised. Mrs. T. M. Fowler (formerly Miss Teresa White) and Mrs. C. L. Joseph (formerly Miss Callie Dean) were speakers at the party. The Interracial service and the Fellowship supper were two successful undertakings. A plate lunch was sent to our aged shut-in couple, Brother and Sister Lewis King. All churches are asked to cooperate in the Youth Meeting which is planned for this month.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK. HAS YOUNG CHURCH
Rev. R. F. Hayes
1111 Jones St., Little Rock, Ark.

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Brother G. D. Jones is chairman of the board, and T. D. Tally, clerk. There is a great need for ministers in Arkansas. There must be mutual help among our ministers. A place is needed where real Christian Ministers may be trained. We rise only when we have encouragement and Christian guidance one for the other.
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PIEDMONT DISTRICT CHURCH HAD MEAGER BEGINNING
Little Bethlehem Christian Church
Leaksville, North Carolina
Rev. J. C. Hairston, Pastor

Mrs. Emma J. Galloway, Reporter
Route 3, Box 1664, Reidsville, N.C.

Little Bethlehem Christian Church has had its trials in its growth. It was first established about forty years ago by Rev. George Staples and later a small log building was erected by Elder J. W. Hubbard who served the church for eighteen years which brought us to the year 1917. Dr. R. L. Peters of Winston-Salem then took charge and rebuilt the church at a cost of $4,000 which was later destroyed by fire and the debt of $1,600 hanging. Within three months the present structure was erected at the cost of $3,500 and today we are proud of the progress made and a turkey dinner served. Our regular service day is the 4th Sunday of each month. We have been very busy directing the financial side of the church. Beginning the week of March the 10th, each minister of the city will preach one night. The American Legion, Morton Judy Post, No. 22, will also give an evenings program. The drive will come to an end Sunday with a fifty cents rally. An orange social will be given at the home of Sister Sarah Bailey. Miss Mary Butler and the program committee met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Elster and arranged the program for the Youth Meet and Institute of District No. 6 which meets in Fairview the 4th Saturday and Sunday in March. Elders Bailey and Howell, who have had many years of active experience are looking after the spiritual side of the church. Communion is carried to the sick, the second Sunday in each month. The following were baptized and fellowshipped into the church Sunday: Robert Groves, Earl Thomas, Chester Garrett, Jr., Christopher Hunt, Elizabeth Chemault, and Bobbie Scott. Subscribe for the Christian Plea and get in touch with the great work and workers of your church.

MAYS LiCK CHURCH CARRIES ON
SERVICES
By A. D. Gault
Route 2, Mayslick, Ky.

The Mayslick Church continues to keep the "home fires burning" being without a pastor and leader since the death of Rev. Botts. Rev. E. B. Toles and Rev. H. D. Griffin, State Evangelist have preached for the church during February. The first Sunday in March Rev. A. J. Walker filled the pulpit. This was a full day with good singing and preaching. Elder J. A. Johnson, Mrs. Rollie Commodore and Elder L. D. Poyntz worshipped with us. The official board met and made some plans for the church. Mrs. Carrie Anderson, a faithful member of the church has only a small salary but is tithing and gives freely to the church. She gave $2.00 the first Sunday in February and $2.00 the first Sunday in March. Plans are made to take three boys to the Avon church for the Youth Meet, March 15-16 by A. D. Gault.

MT. STERLING HAS SUCCESSFUL RALLY
By J. E. Bean, Reporter
408 E. Locust St., Mt. Sterling, Ky.

The mid-winter rally went over in a big way at the High St. Christian Church. Since November, the church receipts have averaged over one hundred and eleven dollars per month. February resulted in a rally of one hundred and twenty-seven dollars and fourteen young people to confess Christ and be baptized by the pastor, Rev. J. E. Blair. They were fellowshipped into the Church Sunday morning. A fine choir of over twenty members has been reorganized. The following are the newly elected officers: organist, Mrs. Stella Blanche Jackson; assistant organist and president, Mrs. Beatrice Pruitt; vice president, William Elster; secretary, Miss Mary Dahney; treasurer, Miss Alberta Jackson; assistant secretary, Miss Melvina Blair; director, Mr. O. C. Reeves. Mrs. Susie Lee Elster is the newly elected Bible School Superintendent and has on a drive to reorganize that department. The Christian Workers headed by Deacon Strother Grubbs; the Church Aid Society led by Mrs. Eliza Jackson; the Women's Missionary Society, with Mrs. Mary Davis as president, are still working together in harmony with the other departments of the church. An organization for the youth is soon to be a realization. Our wide-awake treasurer, Brother Booker T. George and Church Clerk, Prof. J. E. Bean, and the newly confirmed Board

ROANOKE CHURCH HOLDS BROTHERHOOD DINNER
M. C. Dickson, Pastor
528 9th Ave., N.W., Roanoke, Va.

The Ninth Avenue Christian Church has just completed a record breaking month in February. February was opened with the move to send money to the Church Extension Board. It was successful in sending $200.00. Brotherhood Dinner Day was observed and a turkey dinner served. The following people headed by the chairman of the program committee, Miss Justina K. Spencer, appeared on the Brotherhood Day program: Mr. Roscoe Banks, Mrs. A. I. Davis, Mr. H. J. Penn, Mr. A. E. Spencer, Miss J. K. Spencer, Elder M. C. Dickson, Mr. S. W. Hylton, Mrs. E. B. Penn, Mr. C. F. Houchins, Mrs. M. E. Palmer, Mr. G. E. Turner, Mrs. Beatrice Bailey, Mrs. Idenia Hylton, and main address by Rev. L. L. White.

This church is making great progress under its pastor, Rev. M. C. Dickson. The Spring program is underway and a great Easter program is planned.

AVALON CHRISTIAN CHURCH
4272 S. Avalon Blvd.
Los Angeles, California

Two special services by the Avalon Christian Church (Los Angeles, California) have featured our observance of Race Relations Month this February.

First of these was the special "exchange" service with the Wilshire Christian Church on Missions Sunday, February 9th. On the evening of that day the pastor, Dr. Arthur Braden of the Wilshire Church came to Avalon with the choir; and Rev. Baxter C. Duke and the choir from Avalon went to the Wilshire Christian Church. Following Rev. Duke’s discourse on "Some Aspects of Brotherhood in a Local Missions Church", the choir presented its program featuring a sketch entitled, "I Got a Right." Recently completed by the drama department staff of the church, the sketch presents dramatically the significance of the Negro Spirituals, discusses the Negro’s many cultural contributions to American life, and points out some...
of the more pressing modern-day problems of the race, about which Christians need be concerned.

Both the choir under Mrs. Duke's capable direction, and the several persons who took character parts, gave fine performances, ensuring the enthusiastic reception of this sketch which combines music and dialogue in a novel manner.

Contributing to the community's observance of "Brotherhood Week," the national movement sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Avalon Christian Church on Sunday, February 23rd, presented a special Race Relations Service.

A variety of features depicting "A Calvacade of Negro Achievement in Music, Art, Science and Literature," furnished the congregation with an interesting, educational evening.

Emphasizing the Commentator's general summary of Negro contributions in the several cultural and scientific fields, specific works were presented in illustration. Among those appearing were: nada McCullough, pianist; Zelma Watson Duke, soprano; and the Avalon High School Choir in an exposition of Negro music; Sylvilla Fort, Viola Shaw, and Dr. A. Thomas King; reading excerpts from poetry and prose by Negro writers. Adding greatly to the interest of the program was the fine exhibit of paintings and sculpture from local Negro artists, as well as a display of books and clippings by or about Negroes.

Members of the Young People's Club of the Church gave a laboratory reading of a Negro History play: "Junction" by a talented young Los Angeles writer, Vincent Williams.

Guests of Avalon at the race relations services were Rev. Kenneth Helm and a group of young people from the First Christian Church of North Hollywood, California.

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CANTON CHURCH OF CHRIST

Elder S. J. Compton, Pastor
Minnie Watkins, Reporter
955 arnahan Ave., N.E.
Canton, Ohio

Our Christian Endeavor Society is improving rapidly. At a business meeting held on February 8, the president appointed the different committees. Those working on these committees are: publicity committee, Betty Gregory and Margaret Bradley; lookout committee, John Compton and Lois Bush; sick committee, Lois Bradley, Gladys Bush and Mordecai Compton; program and social committee, Minnie Watkins and Bernice Watkins. The chairmen and their co-workers are going to do everything they can to further improvement of the Society.

On February 16, the Church of Christ was invited to attend the Christian Endeavor of the First Christian Church. The purpose of this joint racial meeting was to discuss inter-racial problems. John Compton, gave an interesting talk on "The Negro." Then the members of the Society of that church presented their views on racial problems.

After the meeting was over, we met the officers of the Christian Endeavor of the First Christian Church. I am sure everyone who attended the meeting enjoyed it very much.

WILLIAMSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH MOVES INTO NEW PLACE

By Cherridell Ellis
1595 E. New York Ave.,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Elder W. E. Keyes, Pastor

We are glad to say that February was a successful month for the Williamsburg Christian Church. Our hearts are overflowing with joy as we give praises to the Lord. We are eager for the news to go abroad that we bought a church building which is located on the corner of Lee Avenue and Keap St., Brooklyn. The dedicated services began Sunday, February 23. We enjoyed a warm fellowship with the Halsey Christian Church whose pastor spoke on February 24.

Mr. Epps, Editor of the Christian Plea was our pleasant surprise visitor. His wonderful encouraging remarks will be long remembered by the congregation. Richard King was our guest and has sent $10.00 to help on our first payment.

The White Christian Church of North Henry Street, Brooklyn donated $21.00. Finance from the church is being raised beyond our expectations. We are requesting your prayers.

GAY ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH ORDINATION SERVICES

Elder R. R. Walton, Pastor
Nashville, Tenn.

The Gay Street Christian Church of Nashville, Tenn., had a very high service on Sunday, March 9th, when it ordained four men for the diaconate, eldership, and ministry. The pastor, Elder Raymond R. Walton, assisted by Elder L. H. Crawford, of the Lea Ave., Christian Church, and Elder T. J. McLemore, conducted the solemn and impressive services at the eleven o'clock hour. Mr. K. Gardner, local undertaker of Nashville and prominent tenor singer, was guest soloist. Mrs. Theo. Braden, wife of the candidate for the ministry and also soloist of the choir sang "Have Thine Own Way Lord," and Mr. Thomas, the tenor soloist of the choir sang, "Give Me Thine Heart. The candidates for the diaconate were Ernest Foster, and Chester Ewing. The candidate for the eldership was Charles Ross. Another feature of the morning service was the installation of the officers of the board, which are as follows: Deacon B. F. Brown, Chairman, Deacon Evans Gant, Church Clerk, Elder Hoyt E. Braden, Secretary of the Board, Doctor O. L. Hambright, Chairman Finance Committee, and Doctor C. O. Hadley, Treasurer.

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The 1940 Disciples Yearbook reveals that Negroes of Africa outnumber the American Negro Disciples. On page 22 of the yearbook it states that the work was started in Africa in 1899 and that the 1940 record reveals that they have 48,019 Disciple members at the present time. 293 congregations are self-supporting, and 994 regular places of meeting. They added 3,252 by Baptism in 1940. They have 102 Bible Schools with 4,610 members; 383 young people’s meetings with 5,255 members and 7,936 students in 379 schools. 230 Africans are studying for the ministry and 26 schools are self-supporting. They have 3 hospitals, one school for nurses. The support for all of this was $3,462.64 from the Government. The native blacks contributed $3,824.28 and money raised on the field was $12,626.27. The total amount spent from the general fund of the U. C. M. S. and all other sources on African work was $76,900.29.

It is interesting to note that Japan has 2,294 Disciple members and $52,975.70 was spent in 1940. China has 1,198 Disciple members and $138,642.07 was spent. Mexico has 682 Disciple members and $20,285.51 spent. India has 2,726 Disciple members and $145,556.69 spent.

The Yearbook for 1940 reveals that there are 47,000 Negro Disciples in America. It is interesting to note that at least three-fourths of the data is estimated and copied year after year without verification. When one uses the yearbook on Negro material he soon hits a dead preacher, closed church, no pastor or moved and left no address. The African Negroes number 48,019 without estimates and the American Negro 47,000, mostly estimates.

The logical question is, What is the Answer? The answer is simple. It is this. You have 52 trained Missionaries in Africa and 1,837 African Negroes trained as leaders. There was spent for Africa $76,900.29 beside what was collected from other sources.
The American Negro is the forgotten tenth of our population. We have two Disciple Schools for Negroes. There is an enrollment of 200 students at S. C. I. with only 18 of these on the college level, eight white teachers and five Negro teachers. The student's expenses are $212.50 per year to attend school with a curriculum outdated and not fitting the present needs of Negro life which is proof sufficient that Negroes cannot become educated Disciples. They can get industrial training and courses which meet the needs of our present times cheaper in other schools.

Jarvis has an enrollment of 158 college students with eleven Negro teachers. The expenses are $198.50 per year. The Yearbook on page 29 says: "Jarvis needs a strong and well-equipped department of religion that would adequately prepare our young men for the ministry. This training should be so thorough that our young men would not have to think of going to a northern school for adequate religious training as a minister. . . . We have a fine doctor, no hospital facilities. . . . three thousand Negroes in the county and only one hospital bed available."

What do Negroes need in America? They need Christian leadership. They need people to work with them and not on them. They need the New Testament Christ brought to them.

All that is not spent on evangelizing the Negro in America has to be spent in taxes to support penitentiaries, penal institutions, houses of correction and medical aid. We have two paid workers in the United States for 13,000,000 Negroes.

LATE ELDER PRESTON TAYLOR HONORED

Hundreds Attend Easter Sunrise Service

One of the most beautiful and impressive worship services ever held in Nashville, Tennessee took place.

Elder Preston Taylor

Easter Sunday morning at six o'clock. Hundreds of people came from far and near to witness and participate in the services held at the tomb of Elder Preston Taylor, at Greenwood Cemetery, Nashville, Tenn. Dr. J. H. Hale, Chief Surgeon of Meharry Medical College, was the Master of Ceremonies. The Alameda Street Christian Church Choir, the Lea Avenue Christian Choir and the Gay Street Christian Choir sang the favorite hymns of Elder Taylor. Two angels stood watchful over his sleeping body. Elder R. Wesley Watson, President of the National Negro Business League and our Treasurer, delivered an eloquent address. Mr. Ossie Crockett and Rev. Raymond Walton sang solos.

Everet Mabens, National President of the New Farmers of America, Miss Marjorie Thomas, Tennessee State College student and Mr. Leonard Bryant, the foreman of the Greenwood enterprises came forward and dedicated their lives to Christ after this impressive and stirring services.

Mrs. Preston Taylor, as well as the whole crowd, was moved to tears at the solemnity of the occasion. It was truly a glorious Easter morning in the lives of Nashville Disciples. Elder Watson spoke at the three Christian Churches before leaving the city.

WHO'S WHO IN BLUEFIELD, WEST VIRGINIA

The sons and daughters of ministers do more than their proportionate share of the work for the uplift of humanity. Mrs. Esther Booker is one of the two daughters of the late Elder J. P. Penn, a former pastor of Jones Street Christian Church. She was born at Draper, Virginia. She joined the church at Pulaski, Virginia, at the age of fifteen and was baptised by her father. When she was a small girl she often accompanied her father to his church to sing.

When a young woman she came to West Virginia. She married Joseph Booker in 1910. The Bookers have two sons and one daughter, all of whom are members of the Jones Street Church, and three grand-children. One of the sons finished high school and the daughter attended college one year.

Sister Booker has long been a hard worker in the church, and always stands firmly for what she thinks is right. She loves the Missionary Society and was at one time president. She is a good cook and enjoys exercising the art for the benefit of the church. She often bakes birthday cakes and cooks dinner for ministers and church members, and frequently sells dinners in shops and stores to raise money for the church.

When she was young she wanted to be a nurse, an ambition which she failed to realize but she is always ready to do what she can for the sick.

Reverend R. B. Hancock, 682 Hancock St., Brooklyn, N. Y., has plans completed to occupy a fine building near their home. Mrs. Hancock is one of our best prepared religious education workers.
YOUTH NEWS

INDIANA AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

YOUNG PEOPLE ATTEND WISCONSIN CONFERENCE

Three representative young people of the Indiana Avenue Christian Church, 4413 Indiana Avenue of which Rev. R. H. Davis is the pastor, returned to the city Saturday night, having attended an Interracial Youth Fellowship held in Milwaukee last week.

Those young people who were selected to represent their church were Thomas Griffin, Diana Kitrell and Evelyn L. Smith, the only Negro ever to hold the position of president of Evelyn L. Smith, the only Negro ever to hold the position of president of this conference. These young people will give reports and highlights of this conference to their church on Sunday morning, April 6, 1941, at 11:00 A.M.

The Youth Council
John Wesley Lewis, Pres.
Marian Minor, Sec.

JESUS CHRIST: YOUTH'S CONVOY
Helen E. Henry,
1105 S. 10th St., Waco, Texas
Director of Texas Christian Youth Fellowship

During this rampage of war it is very common to hear much about the convoy of ships. Some have borne to these ports of ours many human lives to safety. Still others which carry food, clothing and other aids to war affected areas know safety thru a convoy. We have confidence in these and yet, they too are susceptible to destruction. A ship may almost reach its destiny, but fail.

For every youth there is a convoy which always reaches its destiny; it is Jesus Christ. How safe it is to have hope and confidence in Him. In the midst of all this upheaval and unrest, we have His comforting assurance, “In me you’ll find peace.”

During this zero hour not many of us are sure of ourselves. At times occasions arise which shake our confidence and lead us to the questioning point. The average young person is brave and hopeful even though he or she faces economic insecurity, moral intemperance, intellectual liberalism, international strife and damnable superficiality. Their greatest need is a safe convoy.

The church today faces anew the afflictions and persecutions of its infancy. However, even in this Christian convoy where their is no dictator, there are forces which afflict and persecute her. Many times lie within rather than without. Our young people can often put their fingers on them which adds to their uncertainty. Remember, young people, her convoy is certain, He is safe. Place your fingers in the hem of His garment and hold fast to His Unchanging Hand.

The complexity of our present economic and social orders makes youth wonder about all the principles and teachings of Jesus and many of them are saying that in times such as these they won’t hold good. The turn of the other cheek after a hard slap on the one. The giving of the cloak when a man takes your coat. And yet many are being slapped on both cheeks without turning either and their cloaks of individuality and personal rights to defend that which they know to be right are allowed to be taken authority from them. All of the principles and teachings of Jesus hold fast today the same as before. His promise that He’ll give good gifts to His children is true for He can’t lie. His council is immutable and He hath confirmed it with an oath that we might have strong consolation who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us in Christ Jesus.

We continue to hear harsh indictment from maturity concerning the short comings of youth. Why? Because we have built up too many assumptions. We just assume that young people are like Topsy in Uncle Tom’s Cabin (who just grewed) they just grow good, they ought to just love the church because it’s good to love it. We assume that when they go to college if they want good they’ll grasp it here. Are the standards, pick out what you want. Be temperate if you want to, go to college if you want to, be moral if you can. Most of them leave high school at sixteen and come to college in the most dangerous stage of adolescence; they can’t know what is good for them, they must have patient Christian guidance. I believe it was the dean of women at Baylor University who said, “It is one of the most dangerous days when our boys and girls enter college.” It is our sacred business to know towards what they turn their faces when they enter college. Our christian schools want to stand by the things of Christ. If our schools do not live to give something that other schools cannot do we have no right to live.” Yes, the greatest responsibility and the supreme challenge of Christians today lies in our program of Christian education as it affects our youth people who are the hope of the world today and tomorrow.

Youth needs the church and the church needs youth. They can no more develop into integrated personalities than you or I without the guidance of our convoy and we must not allow anything to stand in the way. They are not approachable. The average youth is hungry and thirsty for the truth. They for the most part are baffled and disillusioned about so many things. Often there are questions to which they find no answers and problems which reach no solutions. For all their problems our convoy has the solutions. He has the answers to all of their questions. With Him they can rise above any storm and look down on the valley and smile while the tempest sweeps beneath them.

“Christ looked upon the young and loved them. Christ looked upon the multitude and had compassion upon them. Christ wept and those about Him said behold how He loved them.” Without Him nothing. Without Christ nothing is sure. With Him youth can stand calm amid the bewildering ery and be confident of victory. We can all sing in the midst of persecution and laugh when surrounded by adversity. We can always reposes confident in the goodness and wisdom of Jesus, He is a safe convoy.

DISCIPLE HEADS YMCA WORK IN SOUTHWEST AREA

John Bunyan Eubanks, new field executive secretary for the Southwest Area of the National Council YMCA, began a tour of Texas Tuesday initiating his service to Negro men and boys.

Mr. Eubanks will visit Austin and San Antonio, arriving here Saturday. After trips to Beaumont, Port Arthur and Galveston, he will attend the Older Boys’ Conference at Corpus Christi, March 28-30.

Mr. Eubanks is a native of Louisiana, a graduate of Howard and the University of Chicago.

He resigned as secretary of the Religious Department of the Senate Avenue Branch YMCA of Indiana, to accept his present position.

His main tasks will be to organize Hi-Y and Gra-Y clubs and conferences for older boys and young men in Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

His headquarters will be at Dallas where he will collaborate with the area staff with J. J. McConnell, Jr., as general secretary.

PEN PICK-UPS

Elder H. C. Dickerson wants to know what is meant by a Federated church?

Vance G. Smith, a graduate of Butler University, and who has worked in many capacities for the Brotherhood will miss this familiar figure in 1941. His last position was Youth Worker for Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio. It is rumored he will study social work in Chicago. The Brotherhood will miss this familiar figure in their meetings.

The Lexington, Ky., Church goes over the top Sunday, April 6, with the required amount of $160 for Church Extension, and pays them up to date.

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If we walk in the light, we have fellowship one with the other.
—1 John, 1-7

NOTICE!
ALL NEWS MUST BE IN BY SEVENTH OF EACH MONTH

HOMEMAKING AND CHRISTIAN LIFE
Miss Cathryn Bradford
Assistant Professor of Home Economics, Tennessee State College,
Nashville, Tenn.

How can we as teachers lend a hand to move the crime and vice situation of the present generation? This is not a problem of one individual, but of the nation as a whole. There is no time like the present to begin.

Since the child is placed in the hands of the teacher for eight hours of the day suppose we see what we can do to put him on the right road of life. Among the many things we can do are the following:
1. gain the confidence of the child.
2. study the child's emotions, home life, and characteristics.
3. plan wholesome entertainment for her leisure.
4. administer direct supervision and guidance.

Ongoing cooperation is the theme of life today, therefore it is our job to help children appreciate and enjoy their own family life and school life as a

OUR MINISTRY
By Rev. David L. Truscott
Let us take a long breath and think of our ministry. Yes we do need a better prepared ministry. We need more men who have prepared themselves and have made a study of the scripture. They need to know something along the line of education.

My mother was the mother of fifteen children, and they were all attended by a mid-wife. The day of the mid-wife is gone and they have been replaced by very highly educated and skilled physicians. Now I am sure there is very little use for a mid-wife today. And in fact, hardly one can be found anywhere. Well, I did hear of a few babies yet being born by mid-wives. The quicker they have gone off the scene, the better it will be for the medical profession.

So did I come into the church under the old time two to three hour doctrinal preacher. But the day is gone for the mid-time doctrinal preacher. They are being replaced by a better type of ministers. Men who have studied in colleges and universities. Well, we have a few of the old type of ministers yet. Just like the mid-wife they were all right in their day and we commend them for the very fine work they did. But listen, we are living in a modern age, where we must keep abreast with the time, and must have something besides the old doctrinal sermon every time we get up to preach.

We should set some qualification upon our ministers before they are ordained.

A man should not be ordained for the ministry unless he has had at least two years of college training or its equivalent in a standard college. Then he should have been a member of the Christian Church at least one year.

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3. plan wholesome entertainment for her leisure.
4. administer direct supervision and guidance.

To put a program of this nature over we must have a sympathetic nature and a clear understanding of human nature. Every individual that teaches is not a true teacher. There must be some interest on our part before we begin. We must know temperament, have some knowledge of individual differences and an idea of the home life of the child. The child must believe in the teacher and the teacher in her so that she may be able to confide in her teacher. The teacher and the student must come together on some common terms whereby they understand each other and exchange ideas.

A wholesome attitude toward play, and work should be established in the hearts and minds of the students. Where supervised entertainment is put before the student such as competitive games, book clubs, hikes and the like, there will be little time to establish ideas of wholesome thoughts.

We as teachers should spend more of our time outside the class room with the student so as to guide and direct the thoughts of the children that are placed in our care.

Now how can you, as parents, relieve this problem? By working together with teacher and child. Surely you will say "I am responsible for the rearing of my child," but so are the many other individuals who come in contact with her during her lifetime. Her future will depend upon not you alone but upon the thousands of persons who will meet throughout her life. You must be patient with the child, allow her to express her thoughts. By making a cake at school it gives the child experience in sharing with other children and stimulates the desire to do baking at home. So, parents, be patient and see what your child can do. She will be eager to show you what she can do.

Friendly democratic home life makes for happy, normal personalities. It reduces the number of vindictive immature persons in a community, thus diminishing the occasion and potential leadership for conflict. Among your needs for a happy home life why not include:
1. responsibility
2. the ability to share ideas and material things with fellowmen
3. moral development
4. increase affection for one another
5. develop a sense of security among fellowmen

Cooperation is the theme of life today, therefore it is our job to help children appreciate and enjoy their own family life and school life as a
first step in the development of sympathetic awareness and the desire to participate and improve.

Soon we will all be called in the national defense program for strengthening the morale of the youth. Before this event takes place let us strengthen our problems of the present.

There is no one pattern of American life: there are patterns. Let us as Americans find more satisfaction out of life through improving the relationships and material environment of our youth of today.

DON'T FORGET THE LARGE THINGS

By Prof. F. J. D. McKinney

Tennessee State College, Nashville, Tenn.

We think and talk so much about little things that we forget the big things. Trivialities have their place in our lives, but no room is left for the greater things that have to do with mental and spiritual culture. When we let our thoughts and our talk run continually on small matters, we soon cease to appreciate the glory and wonder and beauty of the world around us; we lose the sense of the greatness and richness of God's universe. It is so easy to allow our little, narrow concerns to smother in us the sense of wonder; and that means another tragedy has begun—the tragedy of blindness and muteness in the presence of a world that is full of splendor and wonder.

Robert Nicoll once wrote: "The wonder in life is that there is so little wonder. There ought to be so much, and the crop is thin". Surely there is room for the crop to be so thin when there are so many things to excite wonder in our souls, besides the wondrous works of God seen in the wondrous works of Grace.

Your Lord and my Lord is the greatest, the most wonderful, the most helpful, the most important Savior of all mankind. Therefore, let us not forget Him while we do our daily tasks.

F. J. D. McKinney

Dr. R. H. Peoples, our National Secretary, was a pleasant visitor in Nashville, Tenn. While he visited the Christian Plea he addressed a meeting of Lea, Gay, and Alameda churches; and was the guest at a dinner at Tennessee State College.

William Kappan Fox, University of Chicago Divinity student has completed a successful semester. He is very active in the churches of Chicago.
In a contest between the Woman's Convention of Cross Street Christian Church and the Junior Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church in Little Rock, Ark., the Cross Street Church repeated the Wedding of Roses and their contestant, Mrs. Beulah Taylor, won by raising $50. Mrs. Stella Henderson, the contestant for the Baptist Church raised $44. The results of this contest only goes to show that a small group when working together may achieve big things. Mrs. H. M. Ball, 1005 W. 17th St., Kansas City, Mo. (Sub. 1940-41) 5 points

The second observance of Founder's Day at Jarvis marked another red letter day in the history of the institution. The District Convention was in session along with the Founder's Day activities. The morning activities were confined largely to the convention program. President Isaiah Perry, Mississippi; Miss Clarissa Kirk, Indianapolis; Mr. Vance Smith, Dansville, Kentucky; Reverend William Starnes, Cleveland, Ohio; Reverend Dr. M. L. Edwards. Following the Chapel on Sunday evening, April 27, she will render spirituals, folk songs, and two German numbers.

Mrs. Terry Alexander, tenor, will participate in and out of the state of Texas. Critics have said that his voice has great potentialities.

The senior college class is making preparations to edit a campus paper. Enthusiasm is high as they launch financial drives to care for the cost of the paper. This group can also be classified as promoters of plant improvements. They have placed in the Emma B. Smith Building a glass enclosed bulletin board which is a credit to the building.

The Debating Club under the sponsorship of Dr. C. H. Uggsom has been giving interesting programs on the campus and has exchanged and matched talent with the Samuel Huston College Team of Austin, Texas. The Debating Club is composed of the following members: Miss Cordelia Cleaver, Miss Elphamine Haynes, Miss Jewel Boyd, Miss Ruthie Traylor, Miss Corinne Newsome, Miss Naomi Jones, Mr. Charles Sherman, Mr. Douglas Garrett, Mr. J. W. Jackson, Mr. Lee Shelton, Mr. James Curtis, and Mr. Emory Parker.

The Music Department will be busy for the remainder of the school session. The octette is scheduled to make appearances at the following places: March 21—Tyler, Texas. March 30—Crockett, Texas. April 4—Jacksonville, Texas, (East Texas Teachers' Association). April 10—Atlanta, Texas. April 14—Dallas, Texas. April 15—Breckenridge, Texas (White State Convention). May 2—Guest Program at Jarvis. May 7—Quintet Band at Jarvis. May 10—Greenville, Texas. May 27—Annual Musical at Jarvis. Mrs. M. R. Eppe, Plea Secretary, has visited all campus residents and meets all campus visitors in the interest of the Christian Plea. Don't be surprised if she gives the best secretary keen competition.

Venita O. Carney, Reporter
Dear Friends:

Tinuries ago asked this question, "Lovest thou me more than these?" The disciple answered, "Yea, Lord, thou knowest that I love Thee." In spite of his answer the Teacher repeated His question for the third time. Apparently, He wanted His disciple to be aware of the promise that he was making. Too often we as Christians promise to feed the Sheep without realizing what it costs.

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Let us hear from you as soon after Easter as possible.

Sincerely yours,

R. H. Peoples

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**PEOPLE'S COLUMN**

February 25, 1941

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**EAST VINE AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Mrs. W. E. Ervin, Reporter

1643 Dunbar St., Knoxville, Tenn.

Due to so much sickness and many deaths among our friends and neighbors, I have not had the time nor the courage to write for several months. Let us hope that I will be able to stay on the job from now until the church program is moving forward in a very fine way. Our attendance was low for a while, due to the weather and sickness, but Spring is here now and we are all feeling better and our attendance is coming up to the standard. The members and friends are cooperating beautifully with the Building Fund. We were able to send to the Church Extension on our debt, three notes in advance in February and two more in April. Our Brotherhood Dinner was a success. The fellowship we have with our friends and members on this occasion is helpful to us all. The rally between the men and women on the 23rd of March went over in a big way. Of course, you know the women were ahead. The sermon

by Rev. C. R. Vance, of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, on the subject “For Me to Live is Christ, and to Die is Gain,” was very inspiring. It made us all happy. The music with Mrs. E. A. Daniels in charge was very good. A nice sum was realized, which will be announced later. Plans are on now for our final rally for the year ending June 30th, between the men and women to close in May and June respectively. The ladies of the church will sponsor a Russian Tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Miller, 1643 Dunbar St., on Thursday, April 24th, from 4 to 8 p.m., with your reporter as hostess. The Millers are members of the Clinton Chapel A. M.E. Zion Church, but they are very generous in opening their beautiful home for many church functions. The Young People’s Club, with Mrs. Theresa Ellis in charge, gave a pre-St. Patrick luncheon on March 13th at the parsonage. It was a very beautiful affair, as well as a financial success.

We were graced with the presence of our National Evangelist, Rev. R. L. Peters, on March 25th. We had a very nice dinner at the home of Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Daniels. For the evening services Rev. Peters preached us a soul stirring sermon on the New Birth. His few hours visit meant a great deal to us all.

All departments of the church are to be commended on discharging their full duty. Already we have been able to send off half of our apportionment for our Missionary Society.

Tuesday evening, April 1st, two health pictures were shown at the church—"They Do Come Back" and "Goodby, Mr. Germ." Along with the pictures a very helpful lecture was given by Mrs. Sanders. A silver offering was taken.

Passion Week services sponsored by the Inter-denominational Ministerial Alliance will be held at eleven a.m. daily at the church beginning Monday and two more in April. Our Brotherhood Dinner was a success. The fellowship we have with our friends and members on this occasion is helpful to us all. The rally between the men and women on the 23rd of March went over in a big way. Of course, you know the women were ahead. The sermon

by Rev. E. A. Daniels, of Mt. Zion Church, was on the subject “America Back to Christ,” tune in and hear this splendid talk.

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**FAYETTE STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Martinsville, Va.

Elder J. L. Law, Pastor

Mrs. E. G. Starling, Reporter

The Women’s Missionary Society sponsored a “Sermonette Contest” on the 21st of March, which was a wonderful success. The ministers of the city participated, and their sermons were all masterpieces.

District Workers met the week of the 24th to make plans and form a program for the Annual “Home-Coming Day” to be held, May 18th, Spencer, Va. They are planning a “Great Day.”

The Annual “Memorial Day” will be held at the church, April 6th. The Missionary Society has charge of the exercises in the auditorium of the church with special tribute being paid to our late pastor, Prof. J.H. Thomas, who passed a year ago, March 29th.

The following program will be rendered:

Quiet Music—Lead on, O King Eternal Singing—Senior Choir—Lead Kindly Light.

A Citizen—Elders Richard Spencer and George Foster.

A Minister—Elder J. L. Law, Testimonials—Mrs. E. G. Starling.

Music—Junior Choir—Marching to Zion.

All departments of the church are working nicely and making progress.

Easter Week of Prayer will be observed this year at the church as usual with the last service early Sunday Morning.

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**NATIONAL CONVENTION DAY was observed in the churches of the Maryland State Convention, Lord’s Day, March 16th. Twenty members of Emmanuel Church of Baltimore motored to the Second Christian Church, Hagerstown, to share in the service. Elder M. B. Chambers of Emmanuel delivered the afternoon and evening sermon. Music was furnished by the Emmanuel Choir. Dinner was served in the new basement dining hall of the church. Amount raised was $30 of which $11 was sent to the Treasurer of the National Convention.**

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**THE CHRISTIAN PLEA**
MIDWAY CHURCH OF CHRIST
Tazewell, Va.

Miss Edna Dickerson, Reporter
Box 123, North Tazewell, Va.

Midway Church of Christ gave its pastor, Rev. Eugene Patterson a surprise Birthday Party, March 25th. A beautiful Birthday Cake baked and decorated by Mrs. Mary L. Dickerson made the pastor smile.

Rev. G. M. Dickerson in an approval speech presented the church's surprise birthday present—an envelope containing $12 to buy 1941 license plates for the pastor's car.

Rev. Patterson and his wife left March 26th to hold a ten day's revival at Stuart, Va. April 9th, he will begin a ten day's revival at Bluefield, Va., Tazewell, Va., Bluefield, Va., and Stuart, Va., keep him pretty busy, but he seems to like it.

NEWS FROM OLD HANCOCK
By Elinor Craig

610 Finzer St., Louisville, Ky.

During the last two months, Old Hancock has been improving greatly, thanks to our wonderful leaders.

Last month we sponsored a financial drive which proved to be a great success under the leadership of Bro. J. H. Thomas.

Sunday, March 31, we started a three day membership drive with Rev. Griffith, our State Evangelist, carrying on the services. His sermons were beneficial to all. So far we have four converts.

We really appreciate Rev. Griffith's help and are asking your prayers along with God's blessing to continue in our good work and not to slackers.

Rev. Griffith was the dinner guest of Mrs. M. Lewis at the home of Mrs. F. Craig, our missionary president, who is still ill, and offered up an inspiring prayer which she really enjoyed.

SUCCESSFUL RALLY CLOSED AT SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH
By Bernice Webster
1016 Loomis St.
David R. Heath, Pastor
Rockford, Ill.

The treasury of the finance committee was surprisingly swelled by a self-denial rally, March 9, 1941, when each member of the church gave money spent for luxuries and pleasure. The theme of the services was "Stewardship." Brief talks were given by Misses Annette Tucker and Ruth Robinson. Rev. Heath preached on the subject, "What the Bible Says About Stewardship." A silver tea was given at the home of Mrs. Mary Drake. National Negro Health Week was observed March 30. Dr. Richard S. Grant spoke on "Public Health and the Negro."

CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

B. A. Douglass, Pastor
Mount Pleasant, N. C.

The Women's Missionary Society which holds regular meetings on the fourth Sunday each month was recently reorganized. It is now under the leadership of Mrs. B. A. Douglass, President. Other officers are: Mrs. Ivory Conk, Mrs. Nettie Heilig, and Edith Freeman. Mrs. Douglass is also Secretary of the Missionary Society of the Concord Church in which Rev. H. P. Banks is pastor. These churches are moving along fine under the leadership of these fine Christian workers.

WEST FEDERAL STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

By W. J. Ayers
Box 446, Youngstown, Ohio.

Under the able leadership of Elder F. T. Barnett, the West Federal St. Church has broadened its outlook and is making greater efforts to reach its goal—the ultimate goal of soul winning and Christ-like character building. A number of precious souls have been added to the church by primary obedience. Harmony among the members has been maintained and the membership has developed a mind to work. Our present goal is the raising of sufficient funds so that we may be able to purchase a place of worship to accommodate the rapidly growing membership.

On March the 30th we had a pre-Easter Rally and the Lord blessed us with $124.20. In the way of donation each member did his or her best but Brother Richard Mitchell took the lead. A certain number of the men have pledged to give $50 each this year besides their regular weekly offerings.

Now that Easter is at hand, the choir with the cooperation of Mrs. Lovice Humphrey, Mrs. Roger Haynes and Mrs. Fannie Ayers are preparing a program to commemorate the Resurrection of our Lord. We are sure that Elder Barnett is looking forward to that day and that he will uplift us with one of his soul-stirring sermons.

GROVE STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Rev. David L. Truscott, Pastor
4210 New Orleans Ave., Houston, Tex.

The past three months have shown some improvements in the services at the Grove Street Christian Church. The second Clean the Slate Drive ended on the third Sunday in March. A spiritual program was rendered with various choirs of the city participating on the program.

Our second attempt to clear the church of all indebtedness was a great success. One hundred and forty-three dollars was reported to the church. This leaves our church owing less than eighty dollars.

Mrs. James Brown was reported on the sick list. She was reported as much improved on last Saturday.

The church is looking forward to the State Convention to be held in Palestine, Texas, in August.

Brother Chichon of Carbondale, Ill., was sent a donation. He was once our pastor.

Sister R. L. Holtry, after being ill returned to church.

Mrs. David L. Truscott paid a visit to the pastor and members.

AVENAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
4272 S. Avalon Blvd.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Having concluded last month the celebration of four years of steady progress the pastor, officers and members of Avalon Christian Church (Los Angeles, California) have prepared for the observance of the Easter events with a renewed spirit.

Preliminary preparation spiritually for the Easter season has been given in the series of sermons under the general title "Eight Weeks With God" which the pastor, Reverend Baxter C. Duke, will conclude on Easter Sunday morning.

Cooperating in the presentation of special Easter music for mid-week and Sunday services from Palm Sunday until Easter are the five choirs of the church: primary, intermediate, high school, girls' and adult.

In the traditional Children's Service on Palm Sunday the primary and intermediate choirs will play a leading part. They will lead the march of children carrying palm branches and in the singing of "The Palms." This traditional service has become a high point of the community's Easter observance, and scores of children participate each year.

During Holy Week three services for adults will be held. Material provided in the "Easter Week of Prayer" published by the United Christian Missionary Society will form the basis for the responsive readings, and appropriate music will be provided. Good Friday has been set as the day for
two special services—in the afternoon—one for children and one for youth. Communion will be administered to each of these groups, as well as to the adults on the preceding day.

Special Easter music by the Adult choir will heighten the Easter sermon at the morning service. The religious drama “The Terrible Meek” and a musical by the Adult and High School choirs will be a feature of the evening service on Easter Sunday. Selected songs, all concerned with the Easter services, will be enacted in dramatic tableau by members of the church, as an added feature of the Easter evening service. “In the End of the Sabbath,” “I Heard a Forest Praying” and “Tis Midnight” and on “Olive’s Brow” and the selections which will be so presented.

Playing in the drama “The Terrible Meek” are Mrs. Sudie Bills as Mary; Dr. A. King, as the Captain; and Mr. Herod Ward as the Soldier. Miss Syvilla Fort, member of the church’s drama staff in the recreation department, is directing the production.

Altogether the plans for Easter give promise of bringing to members and the community at large an enriched worship experience, which will stimulate continued effort in the direction of building this section of the Kingdom more extensively than the previously recorded one-hundred additions to the church yearly.

WEST VIRGINIA, NORTH CAROLINA

R. L. Peters, National Evangelist
614 Hickory Street
Winston-Salem, N. C.

Rev. G. M. Dickerson, minister of Jones Street Christian Church, Bluefield, W. Va., and his wife Mrs. Mary Dickerson, Vice-President of the Tri-State Women’s Missionary Society, are doing fine work in their respective fields of labor. Rev. Patterson is pastoring over the Stuart, Va., the Tazewell, Va., and Bluefield, Va., churches and doing a fine work.

Reverend and Mrs. I. Long of Richmond, Va., are engaged in work at the Philippi Church and Mrs. E. M. Long is President of the W.M.S. of the Tri-State District. The following ministers are engaged in active work: Rev. P. K. Alexander, First Christian Church, Concord, N.C.; B. A. Douglas, First Congregational Christian Church, Mt. Pleasant, N.C.; C. M. Roberson, First Christian Church, Walnut Cove, N.C.; E. D. Halt, Center Tabernacle, Greensboro, N.C.; and J. W. Mack, Parksgrove Church, Wilkes Co., N.C. All of these people are striving hard to put over their work.

The Spencer Memorial Church is advancing under Rev. McCarthy, who is the assistant pastor in charge during the absence of the pastor. A financial drive will close the first Sunday in July. The goal is $500.

The National Evangelist is now in the State of Texas for ninety days. He began his work on the Sunday of March 31. After closing his work in Texas he will go back to Winston-Salem, meet the Tri-State Convention, then on to the National Convention. His services may be had after the first of September and thereafter until November 15.

THE INDIANA CHRISTIAN CHURCH

By Alma P. Cummings
4109 Prairie Avenue
Chicago, Ill.

The Volunteer’s Club under the leadership of their able President, Mrs. Nellie R. Smith, recently launched a campaign to raise funds for the June payment on our Church home. Five Captains were selected and each one given a group of members. Mrs. Maggie Davis is the leading Captain so far.

Rev. Davis will have the honor of preaching the Ministerial Fellowship sermon, which will be held Monday afternoon, April 7, at the Jubilee Temple C.M.E. Church. Rev. Davis will also open Holy Week by preaching at the Metropolitan Community Church, on Monday Evening, April 7th. Our Gospel Chorus and members will attend the service.

The Ladies of the Missionary Society will observe an Easter Week of Prayer. The Church doors will be open one hour each day during Holy Week for meditation and prayer.

Sunday, March 30, was Youth Day. Dr. J. J. Peters delivered an impressive sermon, subject, “For This I Live and Will Gladly Die.”

The Mid-Winter Youth’s Conference was held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, three of our young people attended. They were Mrs. Diana Kittrell, Miss Evelyn Smith and Mr. Thomas Griffin.

The Annual Lincoln Douglas banquet sponsored by the Mens’ Council was a grand success.

Recently, Rev. Gordon Hay was our guest speaker, his subject, “A Changing World,” was very enthusiastically received by an appreciative audience. On March 16th the Senior Choir presented the “Deep River Quartet” in Concert.

“The Holy City” will be rendered by the Senior Choir on Easter Sunday, at 8 p.m.

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THE ALAMEDA STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Elder R. C. Maloy, Pastor
Mrs. Annette Jackson, Reporter
710 Gay Street
Nashville, Tenn.

The Alameda St. Christian Church observed its First Anniversary, April 6. The day began with a splendid Bible School and at 11 o’clock a.m. the pastor brought a stirring message on “Living.” Prof. and Mrs. M. R. Eppse were present and the Editor gave an encouraging talk. At 3 p.m. Elder L. H. Crawford, pastor of the Lea Avenue Christian Church brought a stirring message on “Nothing is able to separate us from the Love of God, which is in Christ Jesus Our Lord.” Vocal solos were sung by Elder R. R. Walton, minister of the Gay St. Church. The offering for the entire day was $37.05. We are happy to say we have completed twelve months work in our new church home with great success. For the year the church raised $722.13 and paid the minister $264.10. We are beginning a two weeks meeting Easter Sunday. Elder R. C. Maloy, our pastor, is a wide awake leader filled with inspiration and great ambition. Brethren, we ask your prayers.

ELM STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Mrs. Flossie Herd
317 N. Beech St.
Oxford, Ohio

We have just completed a week’s revival service, at which time, two young people came to Christ. Rev. H. E. Fowler, minister of the Lockland Church, brought us soul stirring gospel messages each night. Sunday night brought the meeting to a close and fellowship was extended to all. The Lockland church chorus rendered music through the entire week.

Brother M. Dabney of Cincinnati has been preaching for us each Sunday night. The Sunday School will conduct their Easter program on Easter Sunday afternoon. Sister Mae Walton, in directing them, Sister John Dickerson is reported much improved after a serious illness for the past two months.

SOUTH SIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

R. E. LaTouche, Pastor
Mrs. Kathryn Martin, Reporter
3815 Michigan Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

Baptismal services were held for four young people at a 10 o’clock morning service, March 12. Bernadine McDermou, Princilla Williams, Fannie Sue Williams and Alpheus Merchant were those baptised and given the fellowship of the church.

Young Mr. Alpheus Merchant, the grandson of one of the pioneer min-
isters of the church, expresses his desire to become a minister.

This church expresses its congratulations to Mr. William K. Fox for the outstanding work being done by him at the University of Chicago Divinity School. Another scholarship including room and board in the Disciples Divinity House was awarded him. Mr. Fox has been one of the active members of the South Side Christian Church, teaching Sunday School, singing in the choir and assisting the pastor.

Rev. LaTouche preached the noon day Lent sermon, at the services held at the A.M.E. Zion Church. A special candle light service will be held on Good Friday.

Participating on the program at the annual banquet which had 165 persons present were: Miss Kinksey, Mr. James Hamlin, Mrs. Williams, M. Roysten, Mr. Merchant, and remarks by Rev. H. Davis, Mrs. Welch and Rev. LaTouche.

Mrs. Welch is singing the soprano solos in the Seven Last Words of Christ at the Bethany Church of the Brethren. Many members of this church will attend. She will sing in a Benefit Recital for the building of the church at the Auditorium Recital Hall at a recent date. This is expected to be a big event.

CLARK STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

F. C. Carey, Pastor
Joseph McCowen, Secretary
Mrs. N. T. Fudge, Reporter
Box 670, Greenville, Texas

Clark Street Christian Church has added four people to the church roll. Brother U. C. Hisbon and the pianist, Sister Susie Johnson are rendering some much appreciated music for the church each Sunday night. With spring and some sunshine now in evidence the church is taking up its task of completing the work on the church. Each member is quite eager to do his duty in giving. Death claimed two of our members last month, Sisters Ernestine Fannin and Samantha White. Both were active workers and will be missed greatly.

OAKLAND AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Mrs. Rosetta Smith
672 East Euclid
Detroit, Mich.

The Oakland Avenue Church has been blessed under the leadership of Elder J. Slavador Johnson. Sunday School taught by Mrs. Rosasste Smith on the fifth Sunday was enjoyed by all. Elder Loftus is able to be out after a long illness. Rev. E. M. Moore, pastor of the Freewill Baptist Church is praying for our success as Christian workers.

NEWS OF THE WILLIAMSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH

By Cherriedell Ellis
1505 E. New York Ave.
Brooklyn, N.Y.

The quarterly union of the Christian Churches in New York and New Jersey convened at the St. Phillips Christian Church in Brooklyn. Rev. W. F. Keyes, pastor of the Williamsburg Church and president of the union preached the eleven o'clock sermon.

Mrs. Rosa Jones, president of the Pulpit Aid Society sponsored the first week in April in prayer. On April 25, the Burning Light Quartette of the Williamsburg Church will render a program sponsored by the State Evangelist and Secretary Cherriedell Ellis.

The death of Sister Sarah Kinard, a member of the Senior Choir, is still mourned by the members of the church.

LITTLE BETHLEHEM CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Leakesville, N.C.

Mrs. Emma J. Galloway
Route 3, Box 164
Reidsville, N.C.

Little Bethlehem Church closed a month of active work. The Sunday School under Mr. Simon Luster as superintendent had an average of 40 pupils. They participated on a program at the St. John's Methodist Church, on the occasion of their 35th anniversary. Mr. Luster sang a solo and Mr. Salem Scales talked, selection by the Junior Choir. A big Easter Day is looked forward to when they expect the minister from the 2nd Christian Church of Spray, N.C., to speak on their morning services and then a visit to the Bold Springs Baptist Church in the evening. Since the visit from the National Workers in the fall the church has made many improvements on the physical side of the church.

The church mourns the loss of Elder Ragsdale of Winston-Salem, N. C. who was an ex-President of the Piedmont District Convention.

Miss Thelma Dillard reports a large attendance at the Christian Endeavor services on March 2. Participating on the program were: Rev. S. L. Bogget, of the Bold Springs Church, Mrs. Allie Bramham, Misses Ann Edna Luster, Mary Sue Bradnax, Gaydell Bingham, Mr. Robert Morhead, and Mr. Calvin King. The officers of the Christian Endeavor Society are: Pres., Miss Gaydell Bingham; Vice-Phys., Miss Eria Dillard; Sec., Mr. Edward King; Treasurer, Mr. Willie Lee Adams.

NOTRW OOD AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

By A. D. Gaskins
617 Clifton Drive
Dayton, Ohio

Participating on the banquet program given under the auspices of Club No. 1, were: Brothers J. J. Murray, France and Riffe, Mrs. Georgia Thomas and Miss Lee. Flowers and a ten dollar bill were presented to the pastor and his wife.

Boy Scout's Day was observed. February 9. A breakfast and a special sermon by the pastor were features of the day. Mr. Edward Owens, the Scout master, James Lightfoot, Charles Lewis, William McGill and Mr. Riffe served on the program. Mr. Owens is an active worker in the young adult work.

Men's Day, observed February 16, had many special features. "The Story Behind the Song" was presented by the Young Adults, and a stirring sermon by the pastor. Brother Croitus, a white minister, rendered a musical service in the afternoon. The day was climaxed by an address by Prof. Murray and group singing. $52 was raised for the day. On February 23, the Young Adults had a dinner. The Missionary Society had a Martha Washington Tea at the home of Mrs. Maude Meyers. A fine meeting was held by the official board. Financial reports were given by all the auxiliaries.

TEXAS DISCIPLES SUPPORT PROMOTIONAL WORK

BOLL STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Reports the Following Contributions

By T. W. Pratt
3612 Thomas Avenue, Dallas, Texas
State Mission Collected by Prof. T. W. Pratt

The following paid 50 cents: Alex Freeman, Etta Mae Johnson, Johnye M. McGaskey, Ollie White, Robert Bolden, Charles Stimpson, Ruby Stimpson, Alva Shackelford.
The following paid 25 cents: Shackelford, June Laffiton.

ACTIVITIES OF THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST
By Thelma Elizabeth Loggins
Stuart, Va.

The Community of Stuart is looking forward to the erection of the new church under the leadership of Rev. Eugene Patterson. A two week’s revival is in progress. The Bible Class is making progress in their study of the Holy Bible. Miss Carolyn Ross presided over the Girl’s auxiliary group at their last meeting. Miss Lois V. Rucker and Mrs. Thelma Loggins emphasized to the group the importance of their work to the church. Miss Rena Staples lead a program by the Sunshine Hand group.

In a musical contest sponsored by Mrs. Thelma Loggins and Miss L. M. Thomas the following contestants received prizes: Madaline Zigular, Virginia Radcliffe. Mrs. Wade Staples spoke on the subject, “We Too Are Americans.”

THERE MUST BE A GOD SOMEWHERE
By Mrs. Thelma Loggins

When we look up to the heavenly sky
And see the cloud, and moon and the sun on high,
We look until our eyes grow pale,
We know there must be a God somewhere.

They will sing at the Silver Jubilee Convention, at Nashville, Tennessee, August 19-25, 1941.

Seated front row (left to right): Mary Emma Barkley, Rosa Mae Murray, Esther Jackson, Catherine Johnson, Karetha Brooks, Betty Lue Williams and Joseph Johnson.

Standing center row (left to right): Josephine Crenshaw, Johnny Williams, Mary Rogers, Anna Bell Murray, Frank Crenshaw, Jr., and Irene Crenshaw.

Standing back row (left to right): Julia Mae Crenshaw, Samuel Johnson, Helen Poole, Emma Lou Toles, Clyde Poole, and Leota Toles.

Seated at the piano: Mrs. Estella Gear.
Founded and President of Tennessee State College, Nashville, Tennessee.

A $4,000,000 plant where the Silver Jubilee Convention will convene Aug. 19-25.

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SPEAKERS URGE FAIR PLAY FOR NEGRO

Many Race Delegates Present in Convention of 90-Year-Old Group
Race Gets Fine Recognition in Meeting and on Program.

By E. N. Davis

St. Louis, May 8—In a keynote speech at the Municipal Auditorium

DR. J. E. WALKER

SILVER JUBILEE CONVENTION WILL CONVENE

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International Disciples Convention Discuss Negroes

BROTHERHOOD SPEAKS

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With 47,000 Negro Disciples; 209 active ministers and 521 churches with no place to train ministers—The following men speak. Read what they have to say and let us have your thoughts.

Elder F. T. Barnett, 9415 Quincy Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, says, "I am deeply impressed with what you say about the need of a college. If Negro Disciples are dwindling up it is because we need Christ. When we make Disciples we will make leadership. The great need of the church today is not religious education but Christian education."

Rev. Cyril A. Robertson 6214 Indiana Ave., Chicago, Illinois, says, "I fully agree that we need such an institution. If we Disciples wish to get down to some serious business in this undertaking, I suggest that our churches adopt the tithing system. I think we ought to demonstrate to all people, including ourselves, that we can assume important responsibilities and carry them on successfully.

Elder N. J. Dickerson, Box 83, Bluefield, W. Va., says, "Through the years I have seen the need for well-trained and consecrated leadership. Yes, we need a college—and more—we need to develop an Educational consciousness. I certainly should like to see something done about it.

Elder T. R. Everett, Midway, Ky., (Continued Page 2)

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—Mrs. Ruth D. Eppse
Christian Plea Secretary

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ration of the convention.

Dr. Walker, a prominent layman of the church who has represented the convention at the World meeting in London, England, succeeds Cleo Blackburn, head of Flanner House Settlement in Indianapolis, recent Rosenwald Fellowship recipient, as the race representative on this highly important church board.

Of added significance was the display publication of the National Negro Disciples of Christ, arranged by Prof. Merl Epps, historian and head of the history department at Tennessee A. and I. State College in Nashville.

Editor Epps, literally staged a "one man blitzkrieg" as he urged white members of the denomination to read and subscribe for the Christian Plea as a means of keeping abreast of things of vital importance to members of the racial group. He pointed out that while the denomination has done much to help Negroes in the building of their church and their educational program that there is still much that can be done to see that the Negro gets justice in America.

In charge of the booth was Mrs. Ruth D. Epps, secretary of the Christian Plea, assisting her were Ada B. Routree of East St. Louis, Ill., and Joseph Green of Little Rock, Ark., both seniors at Tennessee State College.

Exhibited in the department of Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Home Missions were displays of Texas, of which P. C. Washington, is president, and Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Miss., of which John Long is president.

During the "An Hour With Home Missionaries" Saturday morning, May 3rd, race delegates were given a splendid spot on the program. Speakers were: R. E. Peoples, Indianapolis, Ind., national secretary of Negro Work of the missionary department and President Washington of Jarvis College. Many compliments were given Mrs. Rosa Page Welch of Chicago, nationally known mezzo-soprano, who contributed to the musical portion of the program.

Sunday afternoon, the choir of the Centennial Christian Church, the Rev. Prince Grey, pastor, joined with choirs of the white churches of the city to form a chorus of 200 voices for the special communion service.

"Training for a Negro Leadership" was the theme of a timely address Sunday night by President Washington of Jarvis at one of the major sessions of the convention.

Plans for the closer integration of the work of the National Negro Convention of the Disciples of Christ with the international convention are being outlined by a committee headed by S. Grundy Fisher of Indianapolis, Ind. Details of this meeting are expected to form an important part of the discussions of the silver jubilee convention of the National Negro Convention, August 19-25 in Nashville, Tenn.

To Professor Epps, editor of the Christian Plea, has been signed the task of compiling data on the part the Negro has played in the growth of the Disciples of Christ in America. He is the sole race member of this historical commission of which W. P. Harman of Nashville, Tenn., is chairman.

Among the many Negro delegates noted in attendance were: Rev. W. O. Gill, pastor of the Cleveland Avenue Christian Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., now a senior at Howard University School of Religion; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Peoples, Indianapolis, Ind. (he's national secretary of Negro Work); Professor and Mrs. Merle Epps, Mrs. Margaret Webb of Tulsa, Okla.; Miss Cornelia Jamison, Indianapolis, national secretary of Negro Missionary Organizations and Mrs. Rosa P. Welch, soprano of Chicago.

Dr. R. Wesley Watson, Kansas City, Mo., president, Negro National Convention; President and Mrs. John Long and Mrs. Jason Cowan, wife of the dean, all of Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Miss.; Mrs. Henry Herod, Indianapolis; and Mrs. Josephine Baker, president, Women's Missionary Society, Second Christian Church, Indianapolis; Mrs. Alpha Penn Arnold, Columbus, O., and President P. C. Washington of Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Tex.

ON TO MEXICO

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The board of trustees of the United Christian Missionary Society approved of a fund for special needs of Jarvis Christian College, including the ultimate spending of $30,000 of Jarvis oil lease funds for improvements at the Hawkins, Texas, College.

Special recognition of the progress and work of Flanner House, social settlement in Indianapolis, and its leader, Cleo W. Blackburn, was made note of by the trustees.

An item approving an appropriation of $8,000 from the amount received from the sale of the Piedmont Christian Institute property, for the completion of the boys' dormitory of Southern Christian Institute was passed by the board.
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AN OPEN LETTER

Dear Sister Taylor:

This is an open letter and I wish that you publish it in the PLEA. I have hesitated to have hope in the PLEAS future because it is not clear to me, since the death of your distinguished husband, and our great preacher-leader, Preston Taylor, just what our National Work’s aim is all about. The PLEA existed and was in force when Brother Taylor, twenty-five years ago rehabilitated and started this the second edition of the National Convention. His objective patterned after the Kentucky Convention, was to give first place to a program of evangelizing the nation, in favor of the church plea, which we recommend to Negro people everywhere, as the best interpretation of the teaching of Christ among Negro churches in America. An interpretation that readily inspires confidence not based upon the uncertainty of emotional feeling, but rather upon the principles of truth, love and justice.

The GOSPEL PLEA and later the CHRISTIAN PLEA is known to us elders from its early advocacies, to be a propaganda for what was claimed to be a missing element in our church thought, and that missing element was “missionary giving.” The forces and agencies that were built up about the PLEA working among our Sunday schools and women’s boards, were trained and instructed to teach the Negro churches to give MONEY. These agencies were better paid than the pastors of the churches being taught the high virtue of giving. Our pulpits were closed, and our pastors neglected. The National Convention headed by Brother Taylor, with Herod, Dickersons, Brown, Moss, Alphin and others to the contrary, was swamped from the start, and until now we are yet in the dark as to which way we are headed.

Now I have said all that to say this, if the National Convention will adopt a clear and unmistakable objective and adopt the PLEA to support that objective, then all contributions made in support of the PLEA would reflect the spirit of the contributor, in building up a common cause, seeking a common aim.

If the National Convention is now, as heretofore only an enlarged agency to develop “missionary giving” in common with the original purpose of the PLEA for objectives outside the local church, it seems good that it be said at this time in this connection that both the National and the PLEA turn their attention to the need of the local church; provide again self-sacrificing ministers to rebuild the walls, and a people having a mind to work.

This cannot be accomplished by salaried agents sending in their bills to under-fed preachers for them to collect or else.

The Kentucky Convention exists and was organized to evangelize in the state. When it fails to do this it fails to exist. How can we know the National Convention is on or off the track; and what do you mean by “failure of the PLEA”?

The writer is sincerely anxious that the PLEA continue and that it serve the ends of greater evangelism, and that the National Convention tell the world too of HIM whom Moses in the Law and Prophets did write, more and more; preach the WORD in season and out of season.

Very sincerely,

D. I. Reed,
705 Dakota St.,
Lexington, Ky.

SUCCESS OF THE CHURCH DEPENDS UPON UNITY AMONG ITS MEMBERS

By Elder Braden
Nashville, Tenn.

It is a principal amply born out by the history of men and nations that “a house divided against itself cannot stand.” Men had experienced the truth of these words long before they were uttered by our Lord Jesus Christ.

The leadership of the church should give serious consideration to this fact, in view of the grave responsibility resting upon the leaders of the flock of God.

The ultimate success of the church can come only through: (1) a complete understanding among the pastor and the official board of the local congregation; (2) full cooperation between the above leaders.

We are commanded of God, through the Holy Spirit to be of the same mind, to speak the same thing, to have no division among us. When the leaders of the church become heady, high-minded, self-willed, each following his own impulses, disregarding the divine law by which the church must live and grow, the inevitable result is chaos and spiritual death.

Therefore, let the Pastor, the Elders and Deacons hear the voice of Him who said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life.” Let them remember that their first duty is to take heed to themselves, then to the flock of God.

Let them firmly resolve to follow THE WAY, and in the way everlasting.
Leading Brotherhood Church

Williamsburg Christian Church, Leak Ave. and S. Keys St., Brooklyn, N.Y.
Rev. W. F. Keyes, Pastor

One of the finest and best equipped churches in the entire Negro Brotherhood is the above church. Elder W. F. Keyes, a young God-sent man from North Carolina, came to this group only a few years ago. Last winter he purchased this beautiful building of stone which has a seating capacity of about 800. The church is decorated with rosewood, has a Baptismal, Sunday School rooms, Pastor's study and a pipe organ. The people are flocking to this church. Elder Keyes is a great preacher and a hard worker. He has about 400 members. They all have a mind to work. The church lost Sister Sarah Kinard, who was a member of the choir and the prayer band. She leaves five children, a brother, sister and father. Mrs. Pearl Hayes, 502 Quincy St., Brooklyn, is a great worker in the church. The Editor visited this church last February. Mrs. Cherribell Ellis is secretary of the State Missionary Organization.

THAT HERO OF HEROES—A NONE SUCH
By C. H. Dickerson, Lexington, Ky. Our National Evangelist

There is a man named Peters, he lives on Hickory Street, He'll catch more sinners, saints and such, before he takes his seat. He likes to stir the souls of men, and believe me he can do it, His equal you have never seen, no man can "beat him to it." Somehow his voice has a ring, that moves the whole creation, He is a proud child of a king, just hear him call the stations. Yes, he's a soldier of the cross, has won a host of battles, A combat he has never lost, his arm or he can rattle.

A man of God he plumbs the line, in pointing souls to heaven. Yes, Peters is a Holy Fire, a man of light and power, Whoever hears him has desire to mount the heavenly tower. He knows his stuff—"the fight is on," his is a great conviction, And when "back to the Book he's gone," there is no contradiction. Already in his "hall of fame," 'mongst heroes grand and great, Yes, R. L. Peters is his name, down in the "old North State." He towers above the average man, like trees above the vines, His heart aglow, head of the van, Preacher, Oh soul of mine. Yes, Old Dominion gave him birth, as many other sages, His mission to "ends of the earth," "he belongs to the ages."

HEARING AND DOING
N. W. Magown
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Washington, D. C.

"Hearing and doing, we build on the rock." He who hath ears let him hear. There are many who hear the word, but judging from the actions of many who hear the word, they evidently did not understand it or did not care to do as they understood. "Hearing alone, we build on the land." It appears to me that in a war-torn world, as we are at the present time, that real Christians ought to be urged to do more real work for the spread of the Gospel; not in work alone, but in living. How can we expect the public to believe what we say when what we do is always thundering in its ears? Had Jesus said, "Love your enemies," and then sought to revenge enemies, his words would have failed; but instead he prayed the Father to forgive them who were his worst enemies. Nicodemus who appeared to be earnest in his desire to know what he should do to be saved, and yet when he received the answer he failed so far as we know. The woman of Samaria, after her conversation with Jesus at the well went forth as a personal evangelist for Him.

I conclude with this thought, Jesus wants every one of us to be personal evangelists for him. Let our light so shine that the world may be so constrained to follow in our footsteps. Be sure our lights point the right way.
Ernest Mabins was born in Luxora, Arkansas, November, 1917. He began school at the age of 6 years and has thus far sought to reach the highest in education. He professed a hope in Christ at the age of eleven and has since been doing an active work in church. On coming to Nashville to attend A. and I. State College, he saw a great chance to perfect his life work in the Disciples of Christ, through the influence of Professor Merle Eppe, the professor of history at A. and I. State College. On Easter morning at the tomb of the late Rev. Taylor he joined the Disciples of Christ. We as the Disciples of Christ hope for this young man to become a great leader of his church and race. His life is greatly devoted to social and religious work. He feels that these are the fundamental principles to raise the standard of the American Negro.

TENNESSEE STATE NEW FARMERS OF AMERICA PRESIDENT JOINS DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

President and Mrs. John Long, Mrs. A. B. Cowan and Mrs. Ella Hobart attended the International Convention. The annual All-school Picnic was sponsored by the second year college class on May 3.

Sunday, May 4, Misses Julia Flowers, Sarah Reed, Margaret Berry, Lucile Turner and Johnnie Howard attended the Y. W. C. A. Area meeting in Jackson. Miss Celestine Smith, the national secretary of the Y. W. C. A., returned to the campus with this group and spent a few hours meeting with the girls in their dormitory. On the first Sunday the college graduating class had complete charge of the morning worship service. In the afternoon three staff members and seven students attended the last meeting of the Intercolligate Inter-racial Council for the school year, 1940-41. The Council met on the campus of Jackson College.

Calendar for the remainder of the year:
May 7—Ministerial Picnic.
May 10—Garden Party, sponsored by the Y. W. C. A.
May 12—Junior-Senior entertainment.
May 16—Community School Program.
May 23—Promotion Exercises for Junior High School.
May 24—Four-act play by the two graduating classes, “Windy Willows.”
May 25—Baccalaureate services, Dean J. M. Cowan, speaker.
May 26—Annual concert by the Music Department.
May 27—Commencement exercises, Mrs. Mary L. Doan, vice-president of the U. C. M. S., will deliver the commencement address.

News of Southern Christian Institute

Mrs. Mary L. Doan, vice-president of the U. C. M. S., will deliver the commencement address.

ELDER LORENZO L. EVANS, B.D.
Recent graduate of Gammon Theological Seminary and State Evangelist of Georgia, has been called to our church at Muskogee, Oklahoma.
ACTIVITIES OF THE BROTHERHOOD

MISS JAMISON'S COLUMN

Inidanapolis, Indiana, May, 1941.

Dear Friends:

This is a time when I would like to come and visit each of your groups personally. However, during the remainder of this Missionary year I shall visit as many of you as possible.

Appreciation is here expressed for the efforts which you have put forth both educationally and financially for the cause of world missions. Several groups have had very encouraging reports, while some groups are not doing as well as they would like to do. A great deal hinges in what one really wants to do. He then goes about finding ways to do what is to be done.

One obligation which is still before us is the attainment of our goals by June 30. This opportunity for service is our obligation as well as an acknowledgment of our response to the "Great Commission." Surely, the offerings sent in the attainment of our goals serve a suffering world. We are serving those whose needs must be met on the foreign fields as well as the increasing needs which occur in the home land. One way out is the paying of individual pledges. Not only must pledges be met but an amount exceeding the pledge enables the realization of a total increase of our giving of $300.00 an amount which provides scholarship for six young people at Jarvis and S. C. I.

June 22 is being observed in our Brotherhood as a special day on which each individual is asked to give a day's income. This is an additional way to enable you to keep your goal as well as the goal of your organization. Please observe this day and realize the added joy in sharing.

I remain always ready to serve you in whatever way I can,

Yours sincerely,

CARNELLA L. JAMISON,
National Secretary Missionary Organizations.

BROWNING THRO* * *

the winter quarterly report blanks the following are items of interest which I thought you would like to know about:

"We hope to send $5.00 for the Boy's Dormitory at S. C. I. soon."

9th Avenue Church, Roanoke, Virginia.

"We are holding a forum every 4th Sunday night in which the young adults participate and one of them reviews a book related to the mission study theme."

Indiana Avenue Church, Chicago.

"Average attendance at missionary meetings, 120."

Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas.

"We have organized a Triangle Club."

Cross Street, Little Rock, Arkansas.

"The Hi Tri has been organized."

Mississippi Blvd., Memphis, Tenn.

"The children helped to piece a quilt for the new boys' dormitory at S. C. I."

Junior Mission Band, Centennial St. Louis, Missouri.

MISS JAMISON'S COLUMN

(This is the continuation of a series of articles prepared by state and local leaders in an effort to help provide a devotional aspect of the CHRISTIAN PLEA and to aid the worship in our missionary societies. The following article was prepared by Mrs. Pearl S. Allen, Cincinnati, Ohio, State President of the W. M. S. of Ohio.)

WE ARE THE CHURCH

"The spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God. —Acts 22:15.

Now we are the body of Christ and members in particular, and God hath set some in the church; first apostles, secondly prophets; thirdly teachers; after that miracles; then gifts of healing, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.


If we as Christians would bear these truths in mind we would be sure to conduct ourselves differently.

First, we would ask ourselves this question: Has the world seen Jesus in me? Have I lifted Christ up in my dealings with my fellowmen? Have I given some time to meditation and listening for the still small voice?

Second, there is our attendance at church. Are we prompt and regular in our attendance? Are we interested in taking others with us, or are we satisfied just to go and worship?

Jesus said, go into all the world and preach my gospel, teach all nations. One writer in his message of the church's real work says, "Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city and bring them in, the poor and maimed. Go out into the highways and compel them to come, go teach all nations. Then it is the mission of the church to go out." Jesus said, "I send forth the promise of my father upon you, but tarry ye in the city until ye be clothed with power from on high." So we must tarry in the secret place for the power to lead others into the rich and abundant life.

Our prayer should be "Lord, I trust thee always to reveal to me the right course to pursue and give me the wisdom to know and the courage to follow it." Yes, help us to say, "Lord, help me to see and know the needs of thy children in this and the war-torn countries, help me to share the many things you have permitted me to enjoy, not because I have been good and faithful, but because I am living in a Christian land working with Christian people who are saying with their hearts and service, I am my brother's keeper."

Thus I will go into my secret garden, and kneeling down in reverential prayer. My sins I'll ask my father to pardon and in sincere repentance leave them there. Then I'll send the gospel to others and with others I shall be glad to share.

CHILDREN'S MISSIONARY MESSAGE

From the Capital of the Buckeye State

Dear Co-workers:

As we near the close of our Missionary year, we are reminding you of our Children's Missionary Organization and hoping you have been made to meet your obligations of this department of our State and National apportionments.

Our Convention this year marks twenty-five years of Organization as a National Body. Perhaps we look back with some regrets for those things we have not done, but may it not be this one at least this year. Let us prove our love for Missionary Organization by our work among our children. If it is a worthwhile thing, find the possibilities in your Missionary program, Ministers and Presidents of the W. M. S. to affect this organization. It depends on you, not the children. They are willing and able and we have the children. If our Woman's Society is to survive, here is our hope. Can your State and National Conventions count on you for every Children's Missionary Organization?

You are asked to send or bring to your State Convention two dollars and to our National Convention in August, in Nashville, Tenn., two dollars. If you have not a Children's...
Organization, some consecrated men or woman make this donation for Missionary in honor of your church and to the glory of Christ.

May you not take this lightly, knowing all things are possible with Christ.

Yours in Christ,

MRS. D. C. FOWLER
National Secretary of Children's Missionary Organization.
1180 E. Long Street, Columbus, Ohio.

CROSS STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Mrs. Mae Bell, Reporter
1005 West 17th St.
Little Rock, Ark.

The pre-Easter prayer services sponsored by the Women's Council were spiritual as well as inspirational. These services were held from the April 9-11; the theme: AND THERE'S A CROSS FOR ME. Mrs. Cornelia Mathis, who had charge of the services, led the first night in familiar hymns. The second service led by Mrs. Beulah Taylor, had as the subject, "These Have Shared the Cross." Talks were given on early Christians, pioneer and present missionaries, and other heroes of the Cross. Mrs. Mae Bell had charge of the third night and the theme was, "A Talk on the Way of the Cross." They closed with voluntary prayers.

There was ever in mind that this was the most crucial time before the crucifixion of Christ. Let us all share in bearing this Cross and go forth spreading the word of Christ.

THE SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH
From the Foot of the Ozarks
Rev. R. F. Hayes, Pastor
1111 Hayes Street
Mrs. Josephine Hayes Lawson, Reporter

The Second Christian Church is progressing steadily and surely. Two were added to the mighty little group this past month. Elder Hayes went to Russellville recently and preached to our church there. A large and appreciative group received his inspiring message. Elder Martin filled the pulpit in his absence.

The Sons of the South, a Negro quartet from Tuskegee, Ala., sponsored a program for the church. It was a great success. They sang to the largest audience at this program than any of their other performances in this city. This quartet is sponsored by the R. C. and Nehi Bottling Co.

The Easter exercise was under the direction of Mrs. R. F. Hayes. All of the boys as well as the older boys and girls acted their parts well which showed training.

Each month the church meets the financial quota that has been set by the church board. This is an excellent demonstration of the members' loyalty and devotion. The enrollment is small but the Spirit of Christ is utmost in their minds.

To be a success the church must be as the early church; of one mind, one spirit and possess qualities of honesty, vitality and liberality. It will then find itself marching on to the high calling which is in Christ Jesus.

REVIVAL SERVICES AT CLEVELAND AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST
Ed. Williams
219 East 17th Street
Winston-Salem, N. C.

Elder W. H. Taylor of Baltimore, Md., is with us at Cleveland Avenue Church of Christ in Winston-Salem in revival services, and a great and glorious time we are having enjoying his messages of instruction and spiritual power.

We are especially proud to have Elder Taylor with us, as he was a resident of our city some 20 odd years ago, and it is indeed gratifying to note the wonderful progress that has been wrought in his life as a power for the Master. We realize that mighty works can be performed when Jesus leads. We are reminded just here of the Bible story of the "lad with five loaves and two small fish" that were so mysteriously increased. Great and wonderful has been the increase in the life and work of our revival conductor.

The example which Elder Taylor has set is a splendid challenge to other young men to do likewise; for the field is truly white with harvest, but the laborers are few.

Cleveland Avenue Church is also looking forward to a revival this fall, at which time we are expecting a return visit from Elder Taylor.

SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Rev. W. H. Taylor, Pastor
Mrs. Mayme Queen, Reporter
Hagerstown, Md.

The Maryland and Delaware Christian Youth Conference held in Hagerstown, Maryland, April 25 to 27, had as its theme, "Teach Us To Live.

The voices of youth leaders were heard by transcription from Chicago, Columbus, Philadelphia, New York, Atlanta, St. Paul, Durham, and Berkeley California, who challenged us to face the present world situation in the light of the teaching of Jesus.

The Second Christian Church was honored in having the following delegates to this conference as guests: Mrs. Rosa Page of Chicago, who thrilled our hearts with her beautiful voice; Mrs. Lillian Lottier, Secretary of the Urban League of Baltimore; Miss Margaret Johnson, a teacher of Wilmington, Delaware, and Mrs. Thelma Harris, a civic worker of Baltimore.

FULTON STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Mrs. Frances Robinson
707 Pine Street,
Warren, Ohio

The attendance and financial progress of the church is steadily growing. On the trustee board are Mr. Ned Murray, Jr., Del Reger, and Mr. Theodore Toles; the elders are Mr. Clifton Pool, Mr. Emites Johnson and Elder Claude Johnson. Mr. James Robinson and Miss Knoxie Barnes are chairman of the new building fund club, representing the men and women respectively. Each month a meeting is held in which a discussion on the improvements of the church is carried on. The Junior Choir has elected new officers: President, Miss Virginia Creshaw; Secretary, Miss Rosie May Murray; Treasurer, Miss Katherine Johnson; Teacher, Brother Battle. The pastor, Elder S. J. Compton, and his father, W. L. Compton, have done well with the church and everybody is working together in Christ.

BALTIMORE CHRISTIAN PASSAGES FROM LABOR TO REWARD
By Sister Deborah Johnson Tisdale
1821 Madison Ave.,
Baltimore, Md.

Elder Stephen Henry Smith came to Baltimore about 1912, passed from labor to reward, March 22, 1941. Funeral was held at the Masonic Temple, Thursday, March 28th. Elder C. L. Whitfield of Mt. Olivet Christian Church officiated, assisted by Elders W. H. Taylor, J. W. Robinson, J. T. Tisdale and M. B. Chambers. Elder Smith made untold sacrifices for the cause; he organized the Hoffman Street Christian Church which is now known as Mt. Olivet Christian Church, and St. Paul Christian Church, he also pastored the Second Christian Church of Hagerstown for a number of years.

For a number of years Elder Smith served as Grand Master of the Masonic Lodge of Maryland, and was considered one of the leading business men of this city. He loved the church and contended for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.
MISSISSIPPI BOULEVARD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

By Mrs. C. E. Rowan
Memphis, Tenn.

The Fourth Annual Young People's Day Is Observed

The Fourth Annual Young People's Day was observed at the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church, Sunday afternoon, April 20th, at three o'clock with Rev. C. B. Fisher, pastor of Cross Street Christian Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, as guest speaker. The drive under the leadership of Mrs. Aline Lowe proved quite a success. Amount raised was $301.55.

Mrs. Cecelia Roach, co-chairman, gave an interesting talk on the purpose of the drive. Miss Emma Lee Wilson sang, "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child." After the address by Rev. Fischer Mr. Augustus Gladney of Little Rock sang "The Lord's Prayer." Mrs. L. M. Young gave an interesting talk on the necessity of censorship.

Some of the excerpts from the address by Rev. Fischer . . . . "Not tomorrow but today is the day of opportunity. Just how well you shall survive tomorrow depends largely upon what you are and how you react to things today. Be sure you have the right conception of life. Jesus spoke to his disciples 'And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.' When we have discovered the truth, there will be no need for jails, penitentiaries, etc., no longer will mothers' hearts bleed. Jesus said, I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. Some young folk who start out in life say to themselves: we have plenty of time; when we are old we will be sanctimonious and sit in the 'Amen' corner, but death is no respector of persons. Young people, we advise you today to 'Seek the Truth.'"

The night service was climaxed by additions to the church by fellowship.

Missionary Society Holds Meeting

The Woman's Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. Mary Lake, 640 Walker Avenue, Wednesday night, April 16th, 1941. The meeting was well attended and everyone was spiritually uplifted. Offering for the night was $8.15.

The President, Mrs. Katie Yarbrough, made comments on the wholehearted co-operation given during Easter Week of Prayer services. Services were conducted by Elder A. C. Crawford and Mrs. C. E. Brown. The result of the sacrificial offering was $14.75.

Mrs. Mary Lake, hostess, served a two-course repast while all were enjoying the "Fellowship Hour." The next meeting will be with Mrs. Oseola Alexander, 923 Monroe Avenue.

Egg Hunt Climaxed Easter Sunday School Program

The Sunday School children, under the efficient training of Mrs. E. Floyds Johnson, rendered a fine program on Easter Sunday at three o'clock p.m. After the program all present were served with ice cream and the children enjoyed an Easter egg hunt.

AVALON CHRISTIAN CHURCH

472 S. Avalon Blvd.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Several events made April an outstanding month at Avalon. Members, choir and minister of Avalon journeyed to Wilshire Christian Church, one of the largest and most beautiful churches in the Brotherhood on Monday, April 14th, at three o'clock with Rev. C. B. Fisher, pastor of Avalon.

Mrs. Zelma Watson Duke, participated in the services. The choir and minister of Avalon under the direction of Mrs. Zelma Watson Duke, participated in the service with the singing of spirituals. It was a unique and especially inspiring spiritual fellowship.

This month's Sunday evening away-from-home concert by the choir was given at the First Christian Church in Pomona. Program features included the presentation of the skit, "I Got a Right," which details the social significance of the Negro spirituals.

The recreation department sponsored the fourth Sunday evening cultural program and featured artists from the Negro Drama Workshop. They were very well received by a large and appreciative audience.

Young people in the church, church school and community center have orientated much of their activity during the past weeks around preparations for the community-wide youth parade which is held here as an opening observance of National Youth Week. Representing Avalon Church were approximately 200 young people and children demonstrating the scope and purpose of the activities of this institution sponsors for the benefit of youth.

The Church School group publicized both its regular program and the prospectus for the Daily Vacation Bible School which will open the first week of July. The community service department exhibited work which is held here as an opening observance of National Youth Week. Representing Avalon Church were approximately 200 young people and children demonstrating the scope and purpose of the activities of this institution sponsors for the benefit of youth.

THE GROVE STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Elder David L. Truscott
4210 New Orleans
Houston, Texas

The regular services of the Grove Street Christian Church have been carried on each Sunday. Week-day meetings have been hindered by rains. Miss Vera Dial, a county extension agent and Mr. Jackson, father of Mrs. Della Jackson, who is already a member, were added to our church. Miss Dial is a graduate of the Prairie View State College and well recognized in her field of work. The loss of two veteran ministers is regrettable, Brother Henry, pastor at Fulton St. Christian Church, Palestine, Texas, and Brother Johnson pastored the Rome Church of Dallas, Texas. Both of these ministers pastored for many years and built many churches throughout the state.

MONROE AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

C. W. Arnold, Minister
Mrs. H. Barnett, Reporter
Columbus, Ohio

Monroe Avenue Church observed its silver anniversary with a week of services from March 31 to April 6th.

Elder C. E. Craggett of Cleveland, I. H. Moore of Paris, Ky., Dr. Roberts of Columbus and Dr. C. C. Campbell of Centralia, Ill., were the speakers for the special services. Dr. Campbell preached the anniversary sermon. The church was also very successful in a financial drive put on during the anniversary week.

Four new members were added to the church recently; two by baptism, one from the Catholic church.

The Easter week of prayer was observed by the Missionary Society. Both the offering and attendance were good. Sunrise service was held Sunday morning and breakfast was served, which was enjoyed by all.

Elder I. H. Moore of Paris, Kentucky, will soon hold a two weeks' revival for the Monroe Avenue Church, and we are looking forward to a great meeting. Elder Moore is a great preacher.

Mrs. Alpha Arnold attended the National Disciples Planning Conference in St. Louis. While there she also attended the International Convention. Mrs. Arnold was sent by the Ohio (White) State Board.
CEDAR AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Rev. C. E. Craggett, Pastor
Mrs. Ila Clark, Reporter
1214 Imperial Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

The Cedar Avenue Christian Church under the able leadership of its pastor and officials and ladies of the church have accomplished many fine things for the church. The first Building Fund Goal of $500.00 was raised on the fourth Sunday in March. This amount is expected to be raised to $1000.00 by July. Seven additions have been made to the church. During the month of April several events took place: Rev. Craggett’s second anniversary was celebrated on the first and second Sundays. On May 1, the Young People of the White Brotherhood in this district are sponsoring Mrs. Rose Page Welsh in a recital, proceeds to go on the building fund. Mrs. Laura Shumate, president of our missionary society, is assisting in this project.

Mr. E. Burrus, superintendent of the Sunday School, has built up this department both in attendance and offerings for this year. The choir, under the leadership of Mr. M. G. Lawson rendered “Life Eternal” an Easter Cantata, by Fred B. Holton. Mr. Kenneth Dabney, our youngest conferee, is doing a great work with the Christian Endeavor. They are expecting the young people of the Lakewood Christian Church on the third Sunday in May. Mrs. Craggett represented the Ohio Missions in a meeting at Ohio State University. The Craggett home was recently redecorated by Rev. Craggett, who is a genius at this work. The reason for this was soon found out when on April 20th he united his son Alexander to Miss Fay M. Brown of Cincinnati, in marriage.

The church is growing in many ways. Mr. Walter Harrison, one of the elders and a member of the choir, brought his wife and new daughter home from the hospital.

MAYS LiLCK CHRISTIAN CHURCH
By A. D. Gault
Route 2
Mayslick, Kentucky

Rev. C. B. Toles has been preaching, bringing good sermons and good songs. April 26th a musical program was given by him and a full house was present. Since the weather has improved the church is looking forward to many programs in the near future. On April 18th during the Kentucky State Board, Rev. R. W. Watson, our National President, brought us a fine message. We are looking forward to a great convention at Carlisle. I trust that the churches will come up with their full apportionments. Under the presidency of Mr. George French, the churches in Louisville have paid their apportionments in full. Rev. H. D. Griffin, our State Evangelist, deserves our full co-operation, as he is doing a wonderful work in the State.

MAPLE STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH
By Paul Young
39 Chestnut Ave.
Wyoming, Ohio

The members of the Maple Street Christian Church under their pastor, Rev. H. E. Fowler, official board, and various organizations are working hard to keep their church out of debt, which at the present time they are proud to boast of. A beautiful program is now in progress. The Easter program was filled with spirit. A stirring sermon, “The Resurrection of Jesus Christ” was preached by the pastor. The sisters presented a play, “The Way of the Cross.” Wednesday night prayer meetings are being emphasized by the pastor. The pastor’s third anniversary and the 70th anniversary of the church were celebrated. Rev. Fowler was given a token from the church. Mr. Jesse Childes, Executive Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., was the principal speaker of the evening. A beautiful poem was read by Mrs. Earlhard and a copy requested by Sister Piersaw. Dr. Clark made a special appeal for funds to support the Community Chest Drive.

OPEN LETTER TO THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETIES
Dear Friends:

Spring is here! The time of the year when we feel as though we could “fly the world.” The time of the year when our C. E. Societies have the best discussions, take hikes in the country, hay rides, weiner roasts and do all the interesting things that can’t be done in the winter time.

How are all the Endeavors in your society? Tell them I said hello. I have been thinking about you people, wishing I could hear what you’re doing and see how you’ve grown. Many times I have wished that I owned a magic carpet, for then I could come to visit you. This, of course, is fantastic, but we can see each other if you come to the National Convention this summer in Nashville. You are planning to attend, aren’t you? We would certainly miss you if you didn’t.

As I sit writing to you my mind travels back to previous conventions and the good times we had together. Do you remember how much the young people enjoyed their private dinner meetings at Knoxville? Remember the fun the Christian Youth Fellowship had giving Johnnie Howard her birthday party at dinner one evening. Can you ever forget the big religious experiences of St. Louis or the report that Marian Anderson gave about the Amsterdam, Holland, Conference? Each year the convention is bigger and better. Last summer in Little Rock the worship service and messages were inspiring. I shall never forget President P. C. Washington’s message, “The Book of Life.”

This August 19-25, the National Convention meets in Nashville, Tenn. Many young people whom you know and many whom you will want to meet will be there. This is a chance of a lifetime to dwell on the mountain top of Christian experience. One that you cannot afford to miss. Your society must be represented.

The program committee of the National Convention has prepared an unusually inspiring and interesting program for you. Your society will profit by having you there as a delegate. Can we count on you?

Hoping to hear from you soon and expecting to see you in Nashville, I am, as ever,

Yours for a successful Society,
EVELYN L. SMITH,
Corr. Sec’y C. E. Dept.
6440 Rhodes Ave.
Chicago, Illinois.

EAST VINE AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Mrs. W. E. Ervin, Reporter
Knoxville, Tennessee

Passion Week services sponsored by the Inter-denominational Ministerial Alliance were held at the East Vine Christian Church, with Rev. E. A. Daniels, host, and the Rev. F. C. Spurgeon, Clinton Chapel, master of ceremonies April 7-11. The following speakers were presented and spoke on the following subjects respectively: Monday, 7th, Rev. M. H. Malon, “Triumphal Entry”; Tuesday, 8th, Rev. H. J. Bailey, “Rest and Trial of Jesus”; Wednesday 9th, Rev. A. J. Simmons, “The Barren Fig Tree”; Thursday, 10th, Rev. D. A. Jackson, “Institution of the Lord’s Supper.” Friday the meeting was started at twelve o’clock, with a three hour devotional service. The first devotional services were led by your reporter. Seven speakers were on program giving THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF THE
A CHRISTIAN PHILOSOPHY AFTER FIFTY-NINE YEARS OF DISCIPLESHIP

By Sara L. Bostick
N. Little Rock, Ark.

A few things are to be considered with the Discipleship and the Bible. I have been reading, thinking, and praying daily trying to find in the New Testament where Christ and his Gospel had made any change in His death, burial, and resurrection. The Gospel of Christ is one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism for all nations of the world.

I do not read in the New Testament where Jesus said to the twelve apostles after the organization of the church for them to stop now and be at ease in Zion. After many days hence, the youth shall come and start a new Gospel and will take charge of all things.

Paul's letter to the churches read that they must grow. The Apostle Paul with his experience brought forth many duties to the Disciples. We find that Christ asked Peter a profound question, "Peter, do you love me?" "Yes, Lord, I love you." "Will you feed my sheep as you have been with me so long?" These questions Christ asked Peter three times. Peter was struck and repeatedly answered, "Yes, Lord, I love you!"

If the sheep are not fed there is little hope for many lambs. As a growing church read Titus, Chapter 2, verses 2-5: "That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience."

"The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accuser, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; that they may teach the young to be sober, to love their husbands, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands that the word of God be not blasphemed." Read the 6th verse of Titus to the young men. See Romans Chapter 16, verses 1-2. Old sister Phoebe was a servant of the Lord, a servant of the church. Paul sent her to the church at Cesarra with a message for all the church. Both old and young attended for she both old and young attend for she had a great business at this church.

I am asking to know, has the Gospel been changed and has the plan of salvation been changed from the old Disciples to the young? I say, no, a thousand times, but as Jesus said to all the world, that we are workers together with him. Who? It means all of his Disciples, the old and the young. The Gospel is to make people better. In John 15 he tells the people to love one another and people will see Jesus in one another. Christian ministers and missionaries must teach more working together with God. Without this cooperation and fellowship and respect the church program will not lose. Be thou faithful unto death.

Arkansas is in need of an Evangelist as "old Kentucky" has.

SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Mrs. J. A. Towns, Reporter
846 West 26th St.
Indianapolis, Ind.

The Second Christian Church now plans last activities of this season. Rev. Campbell brought groups together on Thursday evening suppers during the fall and winter.

Preceding Easter a two weeks' revival was held with Rev. Robert Lewis of the Fountain Sq. Christian Church as assistant preacher. Eleven additions were made during the first four months of the year.

The Young Adults, Mrs. Doretha E. Whitfield, president, sponsored an Interracial meeting February. Rev. Paul Craeum of the Roman Catholic Church was speaker.

In March, the Liberal Arts Guild, J. H. Hamblin, sponsored a Hymn Sing.

In April former students of S. C. I. were featured on a program in the interest of Lehman Hall. Miss Jamison, R. H. Peoples, Clea Blackburn, Miss Clarice Kirk, Robert Van Buren, Jacob Bridges former J. C. C. student, participated on the program. Mrs. Clara Hill is president of the Circle, sponsors, and Mrs. Towns was chairman.

Mothers will be remembered by the Circle on Thursday and the pastor will preach at the Fountain Sq. Church on Mother's Day. The Junior Choir, directed by Othello Tanner, will sing.

In May, an inter-faith meeting sponsored by the Committee of 18 whose officers are: Mrs. Towns, chairman, and Miss Bessie Coleman, secretary-treasurer, will bring Rabbi Elias Cherry as speaker.

Other activities are planned: Senior Sunday School class banquet, Missionary Society will have a tea, Mrs. J. Baker, president and Mrs. Clara Hill, chairman; a Baby Contest, a rummage sale and a June Rally are to be given to bring up the financial side of the church.
Dr. H. Wales, our treasurer and Dr. H. H. Murray have been called to serve in the U. S. Army.

POOL INSTALLED IN ALAMEDA AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

2422 Alameda Avenue
Nashville, Tenn.
Rev. R. C. Malloy, Pastor

Mother's Day, May 11, was celebrated with appropriate services to our dearest friend on earth—Mother. The pastor spoke convincingly on the appropriate topic for the occasion.

The pastor spoke convincingly on the appropriate topic for the occasion. In the afternoon the Grand United Odd Fellows held their Thanksgiving program. Elder Malory preached the sermon from the topic, "Life's Program."

Our revival from Easter for one week yielded one addition. Prof. Eppse is to bring the happenings at the International Convention soon.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF TEXAS CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN PALESTINE

I. Q. Hurdle
1416 E. 12th Street
Austin, Texas

The 16th annual session of the T. C. M. C. will be held in Palestine, Texas, with the Fulton Street Christian Church, August 6-10, 1941. We hope our President of the National Convention will be with us in this meeting. We have asked him to be with us and we hope the National Convention will send him to us.

Officers for the year are: president, I. Q. Hurdle; first vice president, W. M. Henry (deceased); second vice president, R. H. Paige; third vice president, N. H. Johnson (deceased); recording secretary, Lloyd Brown; corresponding secretary, S. J. Sanders; treasurer, P. C. Washington; president of Women's M. Department, Miss S. P. Walker; secretary, Mrs. Arah E. Garrett; treasurer, Mrs. R. A. Thomas; District Presidents: H. G. Smith, S. J. Sanders, W. M. Henry (deceased) filled by J. E. Quarrels, R. H. Paige, Mrs. Maude Davis; Bible School Department: T. W. Pratt; Y. P. C. E., F. C. Cary; Youth Leader, Miss Helen Henry.

GAY STREET CHURCH NEWS

Elder Raymond Walton
529 Fourth Ave., S.
Nashville, Tennessee

The fourth Sunday in April marked another milestone of progress for the church when Prof. Merl R. Eppse brought a soul-stirring message to the members and the business and professional men of Nashville. A souvenier program carried a number of sponsors and patrons of the business world of Nashville. Assisting in this unique program were Dean G. W. Gore of A. and I. State College; Rev. Fountain of the Seventh Day Adventist Church and Mr. Alva Taylor of the Federal Housing Authorities Commission. Dr. O. L. Hambrick was chairman of the service.

NATIONAL EVANGELIST DOES GREAT WORK IN TEXAS

"Putting God's Kingdom First"

R. L. Peters

Dr. R. L. Peters of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, is working in Texas from March to June, 1941. His itinerary for the past month is as follows: Jarvis Christian College, March 30; Jacksonville, Texas, March 31-April 13; Henderson Texas, April 13; Palestine Texas, 13-16; and Fort Worth, Texas, 20-27.

The personnel of the C. M. B. of Texas is composed of men who are working hard in building up the work of Texas. Jarvis College with Dr. P. C. Washington and his strong staff of officers and teachers are among the richest trophies of the Negro Disciples.

The following ministers were visited: Dr. I. T. Cleaver, Rev. H. G. Smith, Rev. Quarrel, Rev. S. J. Sanders, Rev. E. D. Henry and Rev. Lillie; traveled 393 miles preached 21 sermons and had 120 conversions.

FROM NATURES AIR CONDITIONED CITY

N. J. Dickerson
Box 83, Bluefield, W. Va.

The Junior Choir of Jones Street Christian Church presented a beautiful Easter cantata, entitled, "The Disciple", at the 11 o'clock service on Easter morning.

Miss Mattie Dickerson was the narrator for the occasion. Solo parts were taken by Misses Lillian Dickerson and Louise Anderson, and Messrs. Jesse and Alfonso Anderson.

The choir was robed in white and was directed by Mrs. C. C. Carter, who has been the director and pianist for the past four years. This choir has accomplished much under Mrs. Carter's leadership.

Mrs. N. B. Smith, District President of the Usher Board of the Piedmont Convention, was a visitor at the church Easter Sunday.

WHO'S WHO IN BLUEFIELD, WEST VIRGINIA

Mrs. Cora Mae Carter

Mrs. Carter was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She is a graduate of Piedmont Christian Institute, Slater Normal School (now Winston-Salem Teachers College) and West Virginia State College. She was the ranking student of her class at both Slater and West Virginia State. She was initiated into the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority at West Virginia State College.

In 1930 she was married to Mr. C. C. Carter, who is now principal of the Lawton Street School of Bluefield. They have two sons, Craft, Jr., and Edward. Mrs. Carter is an excellent mother and home-maker, and engages in many community activities for the improvement of home life.

She organized the Home and Garden Club in 1930, and has been its president since its organization. The club conducts an annual beautification campaign and city-wide lawn and flower garden contests. She has been elected the first vice president of the newly organized League for Service, which is sponsoring as its first project a well baby clinic.

Mrs. Carter came to Bluefield in 1934. Before coming to Bluefield she taught three years at Piedmont Christian Institute, Martinsville, Virginia. She lived at Roanoke, Virginia; Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and Princeton, West Virginia. She has been active in church and civic affairs wherever she has lived.

CANTON CHURCH OF CHRIST

Elder S. J. Compton, Pastor
Minnie Watkins, Reporter
955 Carnahan Avenue, N. E.
Canton, Ohio

Easter Sunday the Junior Choir was the guest of Cedar Avenue Christian Church in Cleveland, Ohio. Duets were sung by the following: Marylene Bradley and Peggy Almeast; Minnie Watkins and Oneal Bush; Birdie Watkins and Marylene Bradley. A sermon was delivered by Elder W. C. Compton of the Canton Church of Christ.

Saturday, April 12, was the beginning of a new building for the Church of Christ. The ground-breaking service was held at 9:00 a. m. Saturday. Elder S. J. Compton broke the ground,
followed by Elder Edwards.

The Junior Choir mourns the loss of its leader and director, Mr. Luther Crump, who died after a brief illness on April 15. His absence will be missed by all. The members of the choir are indebted to him for what he did for us.

FAYETTE STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Elder J. L. Law, Pastor
Mrs. E. G. Starling
Rt. 1, Box 5
Martinsville, Va.

Mr. R. H. Peoples, National Secretary, on April 20, met at Mrs. J. H. Thomas with the district workers and made plans for the Young People's Summer Conference.

Family Day, May 4, was a success, sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Belcher, Mr. and Mrs. B. Goines and Dr. and Mrs. H. P. Williams.

Sunday, April 26, a Laymen's League was organized with Brother David Wade, president; Brother W. C. Spencer, vice-president; Brother Geo. Foster, second vice-president; W. C. Spencer, secretary; Brother Baldum, treasurer. Members range in age from 18 years up and meetings are held each third Sunday.

The Missionary Society in their last meeting donated communion glasses to the church and to the Negro hospital a set of cups and saucers.

Two brothers, Andrew Frazier and Julius Murrel, Jr., have recently obtained a patent for a useful improvement on motor vehicle headlights.

SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Elder S. B. Walllick
460 Howard Street
Muskogee, Okla.

The Second Christian Church had great success in the Sunday services, May 4th. The three o'clock "Pew Rally" had as guest speaker Brother Charles Webb, pastor of the Tulsa, Oklahoma church. He was introduced by his father and welcomed by his many friends. His subject was "The Awful Truth." Eighty guests were present and the guest speaker was urged to return on May 18.

To date only four dollars have been received from the many Bible Schools of the Brotherhood which upon the recommendation at the National Convention that each one was to send in one dollar for promotional work. Those sent in are: Oklahoma City, Elder R. L. Searcy; Muskogee, Okla., Sister S. A. Pirtle; Gay St. Christian Church, Brother B. F. Brown, Nash- ville, Tenn.; and Mayslick, Ky., Brother A. D. Gault. We urge that this be sent in.

INDIANA AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

By Alma P. Cummings
4413 Indiana Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

The Senior Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Goldie Guy Martin, rendered "The Holy City" by Gaul, Easter Sunday evening. Soloists were: Elizabeth Picard, Ophelia Gaston, Christine Adams, L. Amoureaux, and Shelly Nichola.

Mrs. Margaret Deason displayed her ability as a hostess when she entertained the young people in their first spring party.

Rev. William Fox, one of our young ministers, delivered a sermon to an appreciative audience, Sunday morning, April 20.

The Second Annual Church Women's Day Service and Pew Rally, under the auspices of the Deaconess Board with Mrs. Minnie Davis as chairman was a success. It reached its goal of $100.00. Dr. Mary G.Evans, president of the Cosmopolitan Community Church, was the guest speaker and music was furnished by the Women's Chorus and Mrs. Elizabeth Picard.

An offering of 10.00 was presented to the Provident Hospital Fund during its fiftieth anniversary.

The Gospel Chorus rendered its first musical on Sunday evening, May 4, directed by Albert Page.

May 8, the Volunteers Club will stage a Spring Coiffure Review. The money will go on the building fund. Special services are planned for Mother's Day, Mrs. Diana P. Kittrell will lead the evening service.

JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
HAWKINS, TEXAS

“Around the Campus”

Venita O. Carney, Reporter

President P. C. Washington left the campus on April 30 to attend the International Convention which is in session from May 1 to May 8 in St. Louis, Missouri. He is scheduled to make an address during the convention representing the educational work of the Home Department.

Mrs. L. J. Uggams, instructor of Social Science, was called home on April 29 because of the critical illness of her mother. It is our hope that the recovery of her mother will be speedy.

Dr. C. H. Uggams, Mr. Ernest Culpepper, Mr. William Riley, and Mr. Charles S. Merrittetter attended the North Texas Spring Cabinet Training Conference of Student Christian Associations at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, on April 19. The conference endowed the group with helpful information.

Mr. Herbert King visited the campus on April 22 in the interest of the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. organizations. His message was received by an appreciative audience. A reception was given in his honor after the evening program.

Sunday, April 27, was Senior Sunday. The eleven o'clock service was under the direction and supervision of the seniors. An outstanding message was brought to the congregation by Professor J. L. Patton, principal of the Booker Washington High School of Dallas, Texas. How the hearts of those present did burn as he challenged the seniors. The day's activities were closed by a recital by Terry Alexander, tenor and senior student. A large and appreciative audience attended the recital. Many thought that Jarvis was entertaining a visiting artist until better informed.

Mrs. Mildred Jones-Baker of the Music Department of Texas College appeared as guest artist on his program and rendered two instrumental solos.

The presentation of Mrs. O. S. Barker and Miss H. M. Ware in recital by the Missionary Society was a huge success. The J. N. Ervin Dining Hall was converted into a unique auditorium and the atmosphere of spring prevailed with a background of sweet gum trees and a built stage surrounded by ferns.

Division No. 3 of the Young People's Division of the Missionary Society is responsible for the Mother's Day program. Prof. H. B. Jones of Sulphur Springs is scheduled to be the guest speaker.

Competition has been keen this year between the Twentieth Century Bible Class and Mrs. L. J. Uggams' Sunday School class for the banner. So far, Mrs. Uggams' class in the lead with the Twentieth Century Class close at its heels.

The first issue of the JARVIS BULLDOG NEWS came off press on April 21. This paper was edited and published by the Juniors and Seniors of the English 332 class.

The sophomores had a picnic on Sunday afternoon, April 27. Midst games and plenty of good eats, Mr. J. C. McCoy, sponsor of class, reported a good time was enjoyed by all.

The freshman class had charge of the chapel programs for the week of April 20, and the sophomore class had charge of the programs for the week of April 27.

The open tennis tournament for men and women will be held on May (Continued on Page 16)
JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE ACTIVITIES
An Approved College Founded on Christian Philosophy

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Auspices: United Christian Missionary Society; Miss Dale Ellis, Secretary of Institutional Mission; Texas Christian Missionary Convention and the Jarvis Advisory Board.

Biology Class planting trees on campus. The Administration Building and Dining Hall can be seen in the background

Football team and "Miss Jarvis" of 1940. President Washington, Dean Rand and Coach Mosley are on the picture

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Twentieth Century Bible Class, 1940. Prof. N. J. Dickerson, teacher.

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2 and May 3. Enthusiasm is high in anticipation of the drawing on May 1.

Miss Celicia Mae Berry will appear in a piano recital on May 6. Miss Berry is a senior and will graduate on May 28. The guest artist appearing on program with her is Mr. J. McMillan, violinist, of Marshall, Texas.

The schedule for the week of May 25 (Commencement Week) is as follows:


Tuesday, May 27—Annual Musicale by Music Department. Rendition—Ballad for Americans by John Latouche and Earl Robinson.


Enter Jarvis to Learn — Go forth to Serve Your Child Should Enjoy These Things
Preston Taylor Spirit Challenges Silver Jubilee Convention

NATIONAL EVANGELIST REPORTS FROM TEXAS

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COME TO NASHVILLE

Silver Jubilee Convention

AUGUST 19-25

The Negro Brotherhood is bestirring itself about the National Convention which is to convene at Nashville, August 19-25. The local committee headed by Dr. L. H. Crawford, pastor of Lea Ave. Christian Church, Mrs. Preston Taylor, General Chairman of the Jubilee Convention and Professor Merl R. Epps, Secretary, are sparing no pains to be ready.

As all of you know, the room and board price set by the previous conventions is five dollars. This commit-

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see has secured the most modern college plant in America as the place to sleep, eat and hold meetings—The Tennessee Agricultural and Industrial State College.

We would like to know immediately how many are coming? Whether you want a single or double room? What time you will arrive and anything else which will make your stay pleasant. We have modernly equipped facilities for the entire brotherhood but must know in advance what you want. Please drop Mrs. Taylor a card at once saying, “Expect me to attend”—giving the number to register.
Preston Taylor Spirit Challenges Jubilee Convention

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You may send your five dollars in advance and get your reservation before you arrive.

As you know here is where the National Convention was organized twenty-five years ago. Here is where Preston Taylor, Henry Herod, Elder Alphin, Elder Brown, Mrs. Bracey, Elder Crawford and a host of others ironed out our National destiny.

Elsewhere in this issue is a preregistration blank. Fill it out and send it at once. We have had no copy of the convention program; therefore we cannot tell you what it is but we hope to have it in a few days.

If any department needs special rooms and accommodations—write us at once. Address all mail to the Plea Office, 419 4th Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn.

If your church would like to sell a Preston Taylor Jubilee Convention Plea—send your order at once. They are to be sold at ten cents each and the money derived therefrom goes to the Silver Jubilee Convention Fund.

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Corsicana, June 3-5 (Address, 1218 E. 7th Avenue.)
Waco (One night only) June 6 (Address, 808 Clifton Street.)
Holland, Sunday, June 8 at 3:00 P. M.
Taylor, Sunday, June 8 at 8:00 P. M.
Austin, June 9-10 (Address, 1416 E. 12th Street.)
Bay City, June 12-16 (Address, Care Rev. C. Times.)
Houston, June 17-23 (Address, 611 Clark Street.)
Special: Guest speaker at Prairie View State College, Prairie View, Texas, Sunday, June 12 at 11:00 A.M.
Beaumont, June 24 and 29 (Address, 1370 Forest Street.)

The Sixtieth Annual Session of the Texas Christian Missionary Convention will be held with the Fulton St. Christian Church, Palestine, Texas, June 6-10, 1941.

Theme: "God's Kingdom First."

By order—State Board:
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The greatest evangelistic opportunity among the Negroes today is found in the Northern and Western cities. I am not attempting to minimize the opportunity of working among Negroes living in the rural areas, but as National Secretary of Negro Churches I have been made very conscious of the real hunger in the hearts of my people massed in the larger cities of our country. They have come, in most cases, from the rural South where they had few, if any, opportunities for any kind of development. The church and the weekend entertainment at some one's home in the open country or in the village were the only two places to go for fellowship and recreation.

Coming to the larger cities they have found some beautiful theatres, a few parks and playgrounds which they may use, many pool halls and night clubs with their soft and enchanting lights. These attractions, along with other city influences, have created a NEW Negro. The creative process has been going on for more than 20 years, and in recent years because of the depression and the general attitude of the employer toward hiring and firing Negroes, many thousands of them have found it absolutely impossible to earn their livelihood. They have been forced to accept relief and W. P. A. work.

Because of this plight, because the church that they knew in the rural areas, which in many instances has been transplanted into the city, no longer meets their needs, they find themselves bewildered and helpless. As a result, they are turning to Nationalistic movements, Communism, Back-to-Africa movements, cults of all types, the Catholic Church, yes, to anything that seems to offer a way out. Dr. George E. Haynes, of the Federal Council of Church related to me two weeks ago the background story of the young man who is now the Executive Secretary of the National Negro Youth Congress. The story is that this youth was one of that host of young Negroes who was seeking a way out. His church did not use him in its program as Dr. Haynes had urged the church leaders to do. The young man, therefore, went out to the Communist party and they found this place for him.

Many of you no doubt read of Senator Bilbo's Bill introduced into Congress last year asking our government to send these Negroes, who desired to go, back to Africa. I am sure all of you have heard about "Father Divine." Well, there are many other such cult leaders who are preying upon the innocent and unformed. You may not know, too, that the Catholic Church is making great inroads into this Protestant group, our church not excepted. Yes, this is true right here in St. Louis. Moreover, Dr. H. V. Richardson, Chaplain of Tuskegee Institute, says that a beautiful chapel has been erected just outside of the campus of that institution. The priest refers to himself as the Catholic Chaplain of Tuskegee Institute and of the government hospital located there. The Catholics have built a beautiful chapel at Lincoln University, the State school located at Jefferson City, Missouri, where for many years the Disciples of Christ have had the church nearest to the campus.

To church the Negro in these urban areas is no easy task; especially is it most difficult to do without adequate leadership and finance. For example, our church in a certain large city which you perhaps read of in the April issue of WORLD CALL, was started about fifteen years ago by a minister from the West Indies. The State Secretary encouraged him to start the work by paying for a month's advertising in the Negro papers. This church was organized in Harlem, but so many from another section of the city took membership that it was decided to move the church to that section. Brother Van Winkle helped them find this new location which was a three-story dwelling house. They were not there long before problems began to arise. There was a small group composed of students from S. C. I. and A. C. I. along with a few others who wanted a planned order of service and who wanted to use the piano and hymn books, and really have an up-to-date worship service. Another group which was represented by the elder who said to the minister, "You don't know how to run a Christian church. You should see how we did it down South." The minister suggested: "You take charge next Sunday and show me how you did it." "The elder had said the one way to improve the church service is to do away with those ready-made hymn books." Sure enough the next Sunday this elder preached the sermon and had a large choir composed of people from the South. The choir director used a tuning fork instead of the piano, and they sang, "Bury the Man in the New Churchyard" as
per quarter." Well, not long afterwards that minister resigned. This is just one of the many leadership problems with which we are faced.

Now, to meet this great need we must have competent leadership, adequate buildings and facilities, a workable program and adequate finance. Our experience has proved that with these four resources we can meet the needs of these bewildered people.

Five years ago we had a situation in Southern California similar to the one just described in New York, but with the cooperation of the Board of Church Extension, the Southern California Christian Missionary Society, and The Federal Government, we have been able to start a work that has grown more rapidly than any of us could have imagined. Church Extension had a beautiful church building with adequate space which they let us have regardless of race or church affiliation; they have craft and music classes; they operate a toy loan service. They have added to the services of a very competent minister and his wife. With what little advice we have been able to give through our two offices they have done the rest. In four years' time they have accomplished the following: They have added to the church more than 400 members including some from the Catholic Church; they have a paid staff of 18 W. P. A. workers about 60 N. Y. A. workers along with several volunter workers; they carry on a weekly program for recreation for boys and girls of the Community; they have craft and music classes for adults, young people and children; they operate a toy loan service supported by the County for more than six hundred children representing ten racial groups; they serve a free lunch daily to about 150 under-nourished children attending the public school in the community, which service is given to all regardless of race or church affiliation; they have a very fine worship program in the church proper with several choir groups; they are developing a fine church school program, a young people's group, a Men's Bible Class, a Woman's Council; and they have a prayer room which is open to the public twenty-four hours per day.

The NEW Negro has come to appreciate nice buildings and fine leadership. Not only do they appreciate the service but they also appreciate the fellowship with beautiful church homes that have timley programs and a wide-awake leadership.

Meeting this evangelistic need among this bewildered people is the greatest challenge to the Christians of our day.

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NOTICE!
ALL NEWS MUST BE IN BY SEVENTH OF EACH MONTH

DEAR MR. EPPSE:
In reading the last issue of The Christian Plea I noticed it was said that Editor Eppse urged the white brethren of the denomination to subscribe for The Plea, etc. The question I would like to ask is, are the churches of Christ denominational? If after all the Churches of Christ are just another denomination, why should we struggle so hard to pay rent for the maintenance of store fronts in which to worship? Why should our ministers preach for an inadequate wage to support himself and family? Why not preach for a larger denominational church and get well supported? The definition of the word church—a group of people called out of the world by the doctrine of Christ to worship God in the name of Jesus Christ. I am sure that, according to his word, this excludes all denominational bodies. The definition of the word denomination—the act of designating a sect, class, or division (our position and plea), our fundamental principles—First, the faith, unity, John 17:21, in liberty and in all things, love 1 Cor. chap. 13. Christ is our only creed, Matt. 16:16, Acts 16:31, Acts 8:37. Obedience, our test of fellowship, John 14:15—"If ye love me keep my commandments." The Bible our discipline, 2 Tim. 3:16, 17. All Scripture is given by the inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect thoroughly furnished unto all good works. Let every church give up every unscriptural practice, every unscriptural name. Let every church give up every human creed and let every church make the Bible the supreme judge in every trial and question presented. We must lay at the feet of Jesus our in-difference and do his bidding at any cost.

First, Christ prayed for unity, John 17:21; second, Paul taught unity, 1 Cor. 1:10, Eph. 4:1-6; third, Christian unity will banish infidelity, John 17:21, and break down denominational walls. Let us then exalt the name of Christ which is far above principalities, powers and every name that is name not only in this world but in that which is to come, Eph. 1:21, Phil. 2:9, and earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints, Jude 3. Luther gave to the world the open Bible; Calvin proclaimed the sovereignty of God. John and not John Wesley, made their contribution, but their foremost ideal was reformation, not one of them conceived the idea of restoration instead of going back to New Testament Christianity. They crystallized into denominations. The ultimate results at the begin-
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JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
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“AROUND THE CAMPUS IN MAY”

By Miss Venita O. Carney

Commencement

The commencement season at Jarvis this year was one of the best in the history of the institution. A. B. degrees were conferred on twenty-two students. Of this number seventeen were definitely interested in teaching, one in concert singing, one in design, one in interior decorating, one in beauty culture, and one in county demonstration work. The dignity of the commencement service has not been exceeded, and President John Long of Mt. Beulah College presented the way to an abundant life to the seniors in a very impressive way.

Because of the outstanding scholarship achievement of Miss Naomi Jones of Corsicana, Texas, the scholarship award made possible by Mr. Tom Gooch of the Dallas Daily Times was presented to her during the commencement exercises. At the same time, religious awards were presented to Mr. Charles Sherman and Miss Mae Ellen Hygh. The religious awards were made possible by Professor T. W. Pratt and Mr. J. L. Paton, Sr., of Dallas, Texas.

The baccalaureate sermon preached by Rev. G. H. Adams of Jefferson, Texas, was full of wit, humor, wisdom and stimulating advice.

“Ballad for Americans” which was presented by the music department, was one of the best productions ever staged by that department. The audience was large, appreciative and patriotic.

Many visitors including some of the founders of Jarvis (and special reference is made to Mrs. Terry King of Fort Worth) remained on the campus on June 1 and June 2. Mrs. Boyd of Houston, Texas, visited the Christian Church and plans to enter Jarvis College in connection with the Department of Health as school nurse. Mrs. Marshall Moore formerly worked at Jarvis College in connection with the Department of Health as school nurse. This was done when she was Miss Lacy Bryant.

Summer Program

After the benediction was given, members of the faculty and student body began to journey to the four corners of the earth. Many members of the faculty plan to attend summer school, and some of the students will return to work on the campus during the summer to accumulate credit for next year’s educational expense. Those planning to attend summer school are: Miss H. M. Ware, Miss V. O. Carney, Mrs. T. C. Dickson, Mr. W. M. Payne, Mr. E. W. Rand, and Mr. J. C. McCoy.

Prospects seem favorable for a prosperous summer school. Students are enrolling from many sections of Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas. The summer’s program, as outlined by the administration, will be enjoyable as well as instructional.

Plans are being made to care for the Educational Conference which is scheduled to be held on the 13th of June. Many teachers in Wood and surrounding counties are expected.

Hammers will be pounding, saws buzzing, paint brushes flapping, and houses rolling on Jarvis campus this summer under the direction of the contractor, Mr. Berry Young. Slight changes will be made on the campus during the building, moving, and renovating program.

Jarvis Scholarships

The enrollment has been gradually increased each year by a unique scholarship plan which has been inaugurated by President Washington. Because the breadth of this plan may be interested, we are presenting the plan so that all who are interested and eligible might take advantage of it. High School graduates are eligible provided (1) they rank in the upper fourth of the class in scholarship and (2) they are recommended by their principals. Each scholarship is worth $50 annually and will be good for four years, provided the student makes an average of “A” in scholarship each year, three years if the average is “B”, two years if the average is “C”, and one year if the average is below “C”. A satisfactory record in deportment is a very important and determining factor, and the students who hold these scholarships must live in the dormitories.

Campus Visitors

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Moore, Richardine Marshall, Jr., and Mrs. Boyd of Houston, Texas, visited the campus on June 1 and June 2. Mrs. Moore formerly worked at Jarvis College in connection with the Department of Health as school nurse. This was done when she was Miss Lacy Bryant.

PIEDMONT DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA West Virginia and North Carolina will meet at Corinth Christian Church, Chatham, Va., August 7-10,

WILLIAM KAPPAN FOX

Honor graduate Tennessee State College, Nashville, Tenn. Pursuing graduate work at University of Chicago. Theological Seminary and an ardent worker in the Christian Churches of Chicago. He now resides at 1156 E. 57th St., Chicago, Ill.

RUTH THOMAS

5622 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill. Honor graduate of Tennessee State College, Nashville, Tennessee. Miss Thomas is member of Lea Avenue Christian Church and plans to enter Christian Social Work. She is a member of the History Study Club and the Tennessee State Players Guild.

1941, Elder S. H. Harrison, President, Preston, Va.

MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION meets July 29 — place not definite. Write Rev. S. S. Myers, 2400 Paseo, Kansas City, Mo.
MT BEULAH COLLEGE CLUB
(S C. I.)
Chicago, Illinois

SOME OUTSTANDING EVENTS
OF APRIL, MAY AND JUNE
Mrs. Lesly Clark, Reporter
4119 Prairie Ave.

The April meeting of the Mt. Beulah Club featured an illustrated lecture of S. C. I. and Jarvis College at the home of Mrs. Welch. The guest speaker at this meeting was Miss Elizabeth Galbraith, Society Editor of The Chicago Defender. All were surprised to know that Miss Galbraith's brother was once a student at S. C. I. as the result of the interest of Rev. Prince Gray.

The Mt. Beulah College Club is a member of the National Council of Negro Organizations. On May 4th a very interesting report was brought to the Club by Miss Ophelia Caston. A series of meetings is being held at the Y. M. C. A. in order that the various organizations may get a complete report on the meeting of this Council which was held in Washington, D. C.

Mr. John Q. Quinn gave a resume of his visit to the campus.

On Mother's Day, Mrs. Rosa Page Welch was presented in a recital at the Auditorium Recital Hall for the benefit of the South Side Christian Church building fund. The sponsors were the Mt. Beulah College Club and A. P. S. Music Club. Accounts of the recital were carried in The Chicago Daily News, Pittsburgh Courier and the Chicago Bee.

Eight members were present May 18 to the morning's service at the South Side Christian Church.

On June 1st reports were made and the following officers elected: President, John C. Lewis; vice president, Cyril Robertson; recording secretary, Katie Grafton; corresponding secretary, Lesly Clark; financial secretary, Ophelia Caston; treasurer, Lemmie Johnson; chaplain, U. S. Manns; custodian, Mr. Anthony; reporter, Frederick D. Perkins. Installation of officers by Attorney N. S. Taylor, will be held July 13.

Regrettfully we announce the passing of Mrs. Marguerite Ervin, the daughter-in-law of the late President Ervin and Mrs. J. N. Ervin. The funeral was attended by a large group of club members, Saturday, May 31, from the Metropolitan Funeral Home.

The annual picnic will be held on Sunday, August 10th at Gleason Park, Gary, Indiana.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

S. C. I. MEETS NEGRO CRISIS

Statement by President John Long at the International Convention of Disciples of Christ, St. Louis, May 3, 1941.

Since the Southern Christian Institute offers elementary, high school, and junior college work, which in some areas is a normal public school program, some people wonder how we justify its existence. Why waste missionary money on duplicating a public school program? Why not let the Negroes go to the public schools? In the sixteen years we have been at the Southern Christian Institute this is the question most frequently asked us. The answer to it has not greatly changed over the sixteen years, although all of the figures which I shall now quote were secured from our Mississippi State Department of Education, less than a month ago.

Mississippi is different from other states in the deep south only in that more than half of our population is Negro. In the immediate vicinity of our school the Negro children of school age outnumber the white children ten to one. Yet in Mississippi we spend over $12,000,000 for the education of our white children, and less than $1,500,000 for our Negro children. This is a per capita cost for each white child of $31.73, while for each Negro child it is only $3.21. In other words, we spend $29.88 for each white child to every $1.00 spent for the Negro child. This is the average for the State as a whole, so that in some counties, 28 of them to be exact, the figures are much worse: in Tunica County, for instance, for every $1.00 spent on the Negro child the white child gets $37.59; while in DeSoto County it is $42.97 to each $1.00.

For the half million Negro children of school age in our State there are only 32 approved four-year high schools. These schools are in the cities with no provision made for rural children to attend same. They board in the city and pay tuition. In 53 counties there is not a single grade above the 8th grade for the nearly 200,000 Negro rural school children. In 15 counties there is not even a city school in the county for the 50,000 Negro children of these counties. In Mississippi there are 1,428 regularly recognized Negro public schools which have to meet in a church or cabin or other private building because the counties do not provide a public building in which to hold school. There are 2,721 Negro schools with no water supply at the school; and for 3,438 schools no privy or toilet is provided by the school. As to equipment in such schools the State Supervisor in his recent report says, "In general, the teaching equipment in our Negro rural schools is practically nil."

In the white schools of our state we have an average of 39 pupils per teacher; in the Negro schools there are 80 per teacher. The average school term for public schools is 100 days or five months a year. The average salary for the Negro teacher in these schools is $125.00 a YEAR, or $25.00 a month. Of course many do not reach that average. In Noxubee County the average white salary is $67.00 per month while the average Negro salary is $15.00 a month.

Our Stat Constitution guarantees four months of school to every child of the State. In several instances County School Superintendents have been able to get around this guarantee. One of our graduates, for example, taught in a county where the records of the Superintendent showed that he had school for his Negro students during four months of the year, having school in November, December, January and February. But actually he began the middle of November and closed the middle of February, so that in that county while the white children had nine months of school the Negro children had only three and this graduate of ours received $20.00 a month for three months as a public school teacher in the State of Mississippi.

Perhaps this is sufficient to answer your question, for in no sense of the word is there a public school system at all worthy of the name for the half million Negro school children in our State. It should be said that in our State are many conscious-stricken Christian people who are beginning efforts to remove this injustice, but for a great many years if the Negro children are to get the type of education which we know is so essential in a democracy, they can get it only as we continue to support schools like the Southern Christian Institute of Edwards, Mississippi.

A BOOK REVIEW

By Edwin M. Hurdle

Ministers of the Christian Church who desire a most excellent guide to correct procedure in discharging their duties will find the "Christian Minister's Manual", by James DeForest Murch, an invaluable aid.


This Manual is comprehensive and there are helpful contributions by some of the outstanding ministers of the Christian Church. Every minister should have a copy of this valuable book.

THE SUPERINTENDENTS AND TEACHERS' PLACE IN THE CHURCH SCHOOL

J. N. Keys
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Greenwood, Miss.

Mr. Chairman and Friends of the Mound Bayou District Convention:

I consider the topic I have under consideration one of great importance, and one with which anxious inquirers are desirous to be acquainted. May I repeat my subject: “The Superintendent's and Teacher's Place in the Church School.” I hope not to be burdensome with facts and details respecting this great subject; however, first of all, I'll say the church school should have a well-prepared person as their superintendent, one who understands the working and also how to handle it in the highest order, whether large or small. It is the duty of the superintendent, if possible, to be the first person to enter the school room each Lord's day in order to greet the pupils as they enter. Sunday School should begin at a certain hour and have a definite way of beginning services. The study period should not be more than forty minutes. Students should be encouraged to own their individual Bibles and bring them each Sunday. Any differences of opinion on the lessons should be settled by the superintendent.

The teacher in the Sunday School should be a person well versed in God's word, a good Christian, and willing to share his or her knowledge with the pupils. The teacher should encourage punctuality and not show any special favors to any, but kindness and respect to all. The teacher should strive for the salvation of every soul through a thorough teaching of the Bible.

Above all, the superintendent and the teacher should furnish the Sunday School with Christian books, pamphlets and whatever may be found to cultivate the minds and hearts of the pupils. A study of the pupils should be made in order to see if any one of them may desire to accept Christ.

BIBLE SCHOOL PRESIDENT PLANS TRIP EAST

Convention time is almost here and it is hoped that there will be a great number of people from all over the country. “To Nashville” should be on every tongue. In many respects this has been a glorious year, and the National Convention ought to be the highest spot in it. The three churches in Nashville welcome each and every delegate. Without visiting a few churches this summer, my work would be incomplete. My first trip will carry me through Kentucky, Ohio, New York, Maryland and Washington, D. C. The dates planned are as follows:

June 16—Hudsonville, Ky.
June 17—Winchester, Ky.
June 18—Mt. Sterling, Ky.
June 19—N. Middleton, Ky.
June 20—Carlisle, Ky.
June 21—Mayslick, Ky.
June 22—Germantown and Covington, Ky.
June 23—Dayton, Ohio.
June 24—Xenia, Ohio.
June 25—Springfield, Ohio.
June 26—Columbus, Ohio.
June 27—Canton, Ohio.
June 29—Cleveland and Youngstown, Ohio.
July 1—Williamsburg, N. Y.
July 2—Halsey St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
July 3—Baltimore, Md.
July 4—Washington, D. C.

There may be a few changes in this schedule. Every Bible School throughout the Brotherhood is expected to be represented in the National Convention with $2.00 and each District and State Convention with $5.00.

Our delegate to the World Convention is Prof. T. W. Pratt, 3612 Thomas Street, Dallas, Texas. We are asking that every Bible School send a contribution to Brother Pratt. Remember, that the key to successful living is cooperation. This meeting will convene in Mexico, the middle of July. Send your contributions in at once direct to him.

DEAR FRIENDS:

Last month I had an interesting experience. I attended the International Convention of our Brotherhood. Saturday afternoon, May 3rd, was set aside for the Youth apart from the main body. Over 300 people were present. The discussion was in the form of a panel. Young people from the surrounding communities spoke. It was found that their problems for interesting youth in Youth programs are similar to those of ours. A number of the churches represented were from college towns, small cities and rural districts. It was found that in the rural areas and smaller cities, many of the young people were hindered by adults who misunderstood young people until someone who had been to a conference or to some other training group saw the need and won others to the idea of giving Youth a part in his church program.

Young people of other lands are doing a great deal to help build Christianity in the hearts of adults of other religions.

We, in our Youth Fellowship plans for the next two years, have urged that emphasis be placed in soliciting leaders for promoting youth Fellowship in local, state and district areas.

The unified program of local church areas were urged in order to keep the church interests of youth alive. Projects for service; for those who are ill, some who were refugees and for those who needed aid were illustrated. The forum period for floor discussion was carried out enthusiastically. Some of the remarks showed a great deal of appreciation for C. Y. F. and similar groups. They wanted such programs they were able to see the need. It should also realize the importance of C. Y. F. We would have a large number of delegates in our C. Y. F. sessions in Nashville, Tenn., this year. Our conference adult seminars would be filled. We would have a greater Brotherhood.

Yours for a brighter vision,

Evelyn C. DUNN,
Co-Pres. Nat. Christian Youth Fellowship,
3033 N. Euclid,
St. Louis, Mo.
MISS JAMISON'S COLUMN

Dear Friends:

These are important days for Christians. These are very important days for Disciples of Christ. The end of our missionary year is June 30. The needs of our work have greatly increased. To the leaders in each local church have gone letters and materials describing these needs. Not only are world needs apparent but there are increasing needs within our brotherhood which need increased attention. Among our needs is leadership training and especially in the ministry. A large percentage of our churches are without ministers at all. Many local leaders are carrying on admirably but this does not meet the entire need.

Will each of you ministers, superintendents, missionary presidents, youth and children's leaders observe Income Day in your church or departments on June 22? This will greatly increase our giving over last year, as well as greatly increase the possibilities for greater service in our brotherhood.

As we close this missionary year I wish to express appreciation to every individual and group who has contributed to the work of world missions. These contributions have come in the form of offerings, prayer, thought, and service. For each I am gratefully appreciative and enlist your continued service and sharing in this great cause.

Yours in His Service,
CARNELLA L. JAMISON,
National Secretary Negro Missionary Organizations

WORLD FELLOWSHIP MEETS

The Arkansas and Western Tennessee (Memphis) Youth Meet was held May 16-18. This was the fifth annual meet for this area. There were twenty-four young people registered, representing seven churches.

Miss Hallie Strange, our missionary to Mexico, was guest in our Meet. From her the young people received much first-hand information about our neighboring Mexican Disciple projects and needs.

Drenching rains threatened the Port Gibson Area Youth Meet in Mississippi but by Saturday noon, forty-four youths and their leaders were at Pine Grove and at work.

Twelve churches were represented in this Meet. Mr. L. E. Cousins of Southern Christian Institute was our missionary. Mr. Cleo Blackburn of Flanner House, Indianapolis, Indiana, visited a session and challenged the youth with our theme “Living Courageously.”

The world fellowship program is growing rapidly. Many needs are being met but there is much yet to be done. We continue to challenge our local churches to a recognition of the need for consecrated guidance for youth.

IN MEMORY OF MY FRIEND,
BROTHER GEORGE F. RAGS DALE OF WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.

My heart bled and still bleeds for that home and church, but I believe that Heavenly Father, who doeth all things best, has his wife, child and church in His keeping, and I also believe that the father and husband, though hidden to mortal eyes, still watches over his loved ones and aids them in their earthly journey.

Good-bye, my friend. While here I loved thee well, and hope to meet thee some day in the valley beyond the river, where you can rest under the shade of pleasant trees and live again our happy days. The memory and the influence of thy pure, sweet life shall never pass from me, but I shall garner them in my holy of holies among the most precious treasures of my life.

The mother may forget the babe
That smiles so sweetly on her knee;
But forget thee will I never,
And all that thou hast done for me.

MISS LENNA ROSS
Chairman of the Young Adult Program Committee of Norwood Christian Church, Dayton, Ohio.

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Above: Seniors and Older Young People discuss "Improving Our Youth Program." Miss Helen F. Spaulding, national director of young people's organizations of The United Society, is at extreme right.

Below: Dr. Paul Slater of China explains a map and pictures from China.

Below: Frances Woolery, editor of young people's literature at the Christian Board of Publication, St. Louis, leads a discussion group on "My Church and Courageous Living" with a group of Intermediates.

Above: (left to right) Helen Spaulding, Indianapolis; Prince Albert Gray, pastor of Centennial Church, and Bessie Chandler, both of St. Louis, talk over plans for the consecration service.

Above: Evelyn Dunn of St. Louis, president of the National Youth Movement of Disciple Negro young people and a delegate to the Christian Youth Council to be held at Estes Park, Colo., this summer, speaks on young people's conferences at a luncheon session.

St. Louis, Mo.—A successful Youth Meet was held at Centennial Church. The theme, "Living Courageously," was made meaningful through the discussion groups, worship, fellowship, and play.

The discussion groups were guided by outstanding youth leaders in their respective fields. These discussions were participated in by about sixty young people and youth leaders. The areas of discussions were:


Helen Spaulding, national secretary, Missionary-Education Department, United Christian Missionary Society, assisted by Bessie E. Chandler, served as director of the Meet.

A very impressive consecration service and friendship circle closed the program. George Oliver Taylor, national director of Young People's Work, brought a challenging message on, "We Face Life Courageously."
ACTIVITIES OF THE BROTHERHOOD

WHO'S WHO IN BLUEFIELD,
WEST VIRGINIA

If you want to know anything about Jones Street Christian Church call 2418-J and ask to speak with "Louise." Let it be the Bible School, Christian Endeavor, Junior or Senior Choir, Junior or Senior Missionary Society—well anything—she is likely to give you the information you want.

Miss Anderson has been a member of the church since she was twelve years old, and in those years has given more time to church work than any other member. She has served the church in almost every capacity: secretary, teacher, assistant superintendent and superintendent of the Bible School, president and assistant secretary of the Christian Endeavor, president of the Usher Board, Junior Church and Junior Missionary Society. At present she is teacher of the junior class in the Bible School, assistant secretary of the church, member of two choirs, and the church's news reporter for the Bluefield Daily Telegraph.

She is a graduate of Genoa High School, and attended Bluefield State Teachers College one and a half years. She attended the Young People's Conference, at Piedmont Christian Institute five years, and served as president of the conference in 1935.

She sang for a time with The Lyle Gospel Singers on a weekly program over Radio Station WHIS, and her melodious voice is often heard in various churches in the city. For a number of years she has served on such city-wide projects as "The Religious Census," which is sponsored by the ministers' organizations of the white and Negro churches, and "The Six-Way Drive" to raise funds for six charitable organizations of the city.

She is amiable, congenial, even tempered, loyal and unassuming—a friend who makes friends.

Mrs. Alice Bailey was born in Lexington, North Carolina. She was a resident of Bluefield thirty years and a member of the Christian Church for twenty-eight years. Her rich alto voice is long to be remembered by those who knew her. Many years she sang in the choir, along with her children—all of whom sing with melody and fervor.
INDIANA AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
By Alma P. Cummings
4413 Indiana Avenue
Chicago, Ill.

Rev. R. H. Davis, senior choir and members were guests at Christ's Temple Community Church in celebration of their sixth anniversary on May 22nd.

The 33rd degree Prince Hall Masons were the guests of the church on Men's Day. Attorney William Haynes spoke for the men on the afternoon program. Mr. Morris Lewis, executive secretary of the N. A. A. C. P. was the master of ceremonies and Mr. Shelley Nichols was a guest soloist.

On Children's Day, Mrs. Fannie H. Clark presented the children in a program during the morning services, using as the theme, "Foreign Missions." Rev. Davis preached a special sermon.

The Volunteers Club, under the fine leadership of Mrs. Nellie R. Smith, sponsored a "Red Heart" Pew Rally. Sunday afternoon, June 1st. Rev. J. Davis Caston delivered the message; J. Davis Caston, Jr., rendered vocal selections. They will close their 1941 building Fund campaign on Sunday, June 8th.

The Gospel Chorus closed the season with a musical and the Senior choir is rehearsing for their closing musical.

TEXAS CONVENTION meets August 6-10 at the Fulton Street Christian Church, L. Q. Hurdle, President, 1416 E. 12th Street, Austin, Texas.

LONDON CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Elder William Walker, Pastor
Cecile Gertrude Smith, Reporter

During the revival conducted by Rev. William Owens of Winchester, Kentucky, harmony and a greater zeal to march forward was the result. Eight young people were brought to Christ, namely: Brothers Jack Evans, Wilbur Jackson, Raymond Baker, Sisters May Dora Elliott, Minnie E. Elliott, Roberta Riley, Agnes B. Gibson and Polly Evans. They were baptized and given the fellowship of the church on May 26th.

The members of the Christian Church gave a reception for the new members at the home of Sister William Walker and Brother Walker presented them a gift, their certificate of baptism.

The Missionary Society is now working under the leadership of Sister Charles H. Smith.

The Lord's Day School is divided into four classes and has an attendance of twenty-five.

The various clubs are working in the church and mid-week prayer meetings are progressing with added attendance. The passing of Brother Leslie Floyd and Sister Ellen Fish recently is mourned.

SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH
1111 Jones Street

Elder R. F. Hayes, Pastor
Mrs. Josephine Hayes Lawson, Reporter

From the Foot of The Ozark

By their fruits ye shall know them. How true is this statement, for the Second Christian Church is known for the great work it is advancing in Kingdom Building. Two souls were added to Christ this past month.

The membership exceeded its May financial quota.

On the fourth Sunday in May the members of the church, along with several friends, motored to Kerr, Ark., to re-establish the church there. Such pioneers as the late Elders Wayman and Henry Martin, M. M. Bostic and York were instrumental in the early development of the work at Kerr. Sister Bostic, the wife of the late Bro. Bostic, attended the meeting. Elder R. F. Hayes brought the message. He preached a great and inspirational sermon. His subject was "Seeking the Kingdom of God." Everyone was spiritually uplifted. Elder Hayes was unanimously chosen to pastor the Kerr Christian Church. By so doing he will bring the membership back together and also adds other to the church who do not know Christ as the forgiver of their sins.

Let us visualize these small communities of our brotherhood where there has been a Christian Church, but through negligence or what not they have ceased to be and there goes wandering about sheep without a shepherd. These she should be next to our hearts and their needs should be felt and supplied by capable ministers.

Remember the words of Christ, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Edward Griffin, Pastor
Box 78
Alligator, Miss.

Elder Eli Wilbert of Dayton, Ohio, conducted a successful Spring revival at Shaw, Mound Bayou and Clarksdale churches.

Professors R. H. People and Cleo Blackman visited the Third Quarterly Convention of the Mound Bayou District, held at the Mound Bayou Christian Church, May 23-25. Their visit was a surprise and very informative. A partial report before the close of the convention showed $64.50. Elder I. C. Franklin, State Evangelist of Mississippi, was present from Port Gibson. He is doing a fine piece of work in the State. A resolution was adopted that the Sunday School and church hold their annual State Convention at the same place and during the same week, and was sent for approval to the State School Convention held at Hermanville, Miss., in July.

Brother Alex Brady, a deacon trustee, a faithful member, a pioneer and one of the founders of the Christian Church here in Clarksdale, passed away Sunday morning, May 18.

Sister Minerva Washington, a pioneer and faithful member of the Mound Bayou Christian Church, passed away May 27.

Preparations are being made to entertain the Church State Convention here in Clarksdale in August. Also preparations are being made to attend the National Convention in Nashville.

UNITED CHRISTIAN CHURCH
R. L. Jordan, Pastor
T. K. Rouse, Reporter
5631 30th Street, Detroit, Mich.

The United Christian Church was glad to see so many old members in church on Mother's Day, and reports that the church is moving along nice-
ly. On this day the oldest mother and the youngest mother each received a floral tribute. One was sent to the pastor's mother, who was too ill to be in church. Great things are anticipated on June 8th and 9th, when Brother R. H. Peoples will be with us. Our Convention rally is in progress and next season we hope to have Reverend R. L. Peters to hold a meeting for us.

AVALON CHRISTIAN CHURCH

4272 S. Avalon Blvd.
Los Angeles, Calif.

With the conclusion of election of new officers to fill the vacancies which occur each year under the rotation system in operation at Avalon Christian Church, the roster of officers who will administer the church affairs for the coming year is completed.

The complete list is as follows:

Deanconesses: Dorothy Jackson, Ivory Jackson, Beatrice Goodwin, Suddie Mae Bills and Sadie Patin.
Trustees: Thomas L. Pratt, Herod Ward and J. E. Shepperd.

Elections were held during a general membership meeting recently.

Appearing as the principal program feature on the Union Services of all churches in Redlands will be the Avalon Christian Church choir, in the Redlands Bowl Sunday, June 16th. These union services on Sunday evenings are a unique phase of inter-church life in the city of Redlands. The Avalon choir has also been actively assisting the campaign to raise funds for the building of a new Y. W. C. A. building in the community, and gave a program for this drive on May 19th, at the University Woman's Club here. The choir was enthusiastically received by a large audience.

Church school leaders are busy making preparation for the Daily Vacation Summer School which this year will begin the first week in July. The Vacation School is an important part of community and church activity, and usually has an attendance of over 300 children daily. This year the school will expand its space facilities with the establishment of craft workshops in nearby buildings. Fuller details of the progress of plans for the Vacation School will be given in our next report.

The second Sunday in June, Children's Day saw special services for children both morning and evening at Avalon Baptist Church. The worship service in the morning was characterized by appropriate music and a splendid message from the pastor to children and their parents.

Several talent features were in evidence at the seven o'clock service when the children themselves presented an excellent program, with some assistance from the senior choir.

Produced under the direction of the drama staff in the recreation department of the church, a children's nature play in which all the characters were birds was presented. Colorful costumes made by the children's craft classes representing many types of birds. The setting and interesting lighting effects made the play a beautiful spectacle.

The initial appearance of the primary department's Rhythm Band with 20 children participating was an outstanding contribution to the program.

The unveiling of the mural, "Children at Play", which was executed by Earl Scott, artist with the National Youth Administration, and which will hang in the Avalon Nursery School, was a highlight of the evening.

The service was fittingly concluded with the choir's rendition of the beautiful anthem, "When Children Play."

CLARK STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Elder F. C. Cary, Pastor
Mrs. N. T. Fudgen, Reporter

The month of May ended financially a success and with two baptisms. Mother's Day was celebrated as home-coming and all day services and dinner served on the grounds. Elder Master, pastor of the Central Christian Church, preached in the afternoon. Total money raised was $60.07. Miss Carnella Jamison was a visitor at the church, during which time she gave much inspiration to the Missionary Circle and Triangle Club. The church attendance is still increasing.

WILLIAMSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH

By Cherridell Ellis

1595 E. New York Ave.
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Elder W. F. Keyes, Pastor

Under the Christian leadership of Elder W. F. Keyes and officials the Williamsburg Christian Church is making fine progress and the month of May brought many candidates for baptism. On Sunday, May 18, our pastor was the guest speaker at the Macedonia Baptist Church in Far Rockaway Long Island. The Junior Choir rendered beautiful music. We enjoyed a wonderful fellowship with Rev. L. H. Hunt and congregation. He has rendered wonderful sermons at this church. On June 1 our pastor and senior choir served on a musical program at the Shiloh Baptist Church. Brother B. J. Orr is the director of our choir. During the first week in June the Christian Endeavor celebrated their third anniversary. They had a very able president, Sister Elizabeth Stephen, whose husband, Brother Richard Stephen, is superintendent of the Sunday School. The children under the training of Sister Queen Miley will present a Children's Day program on the fourth Sunday in June. Sister Rosa Jones is the Intermediate Class teacher, and Cherridell Ellis has charge of the Bible Class.

Another daughter was born to Sister and Elder Keyes. The mother is doing fine.

BIRCH STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Elder W. J. Bryant, Pastor
466 E. 42nd Place
Alma Miller, Reporter

After April showers, May sends forth her flowers and California is more beautiful than ever. However, despite the enchantment of the beauty of nature, our attendance at Birch Street Christian Church continues to grow. We are blessed in a great way, and under the guidance of our pastor, Elder Walter J. Bryant, much progress is being made. Preceding a get-acquainted and fellowship reception the Birch Street Church promoted a pulpit discussion of the program, growth and extension of the Disciples of Christ in America. This discussion was led by Elder Clifford Cole, secretary of the Southern California Christian Missionary Board. Other speakers on the program were: Mrs. Grafton, Prof. Leonard and Mrs. West. All are members of our State Board of Southern California.

CLAY STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH PRESENTS SOUTHERNAIRES IN CONCERT

Paducah, Ky.

By Osceola Dawson

The SOUTHERNAIRES, at the West Kentucky Vocational Training School Auditorium, on Wednesday
night, April 9, when they were presented by the Clay Street Christian Church to an appreciative audience, again, defended their right, as they have done on innumerable occasions, to be ranked among the greatest ensembles heard on the concert stage.

Each number received a magnificent applause. Because of the unusual beauty of the performance, the audience composed of music lovers of both races, was thrilled to an inestimable degree, and will have every cause to long remember the affair.

The entire program, which included classics, Spirituals, Traditional songs and Hymns, was rendered with an artistry that has seldom been equalled.

From the standpoints of the performance, entertainment, cultural effects, and finance, the concert was a marked success.

The Clay Street Christian Church is to be very highly commended for the city to receive such a rare musical treat. It is gratifying to note that there seems to be a decided effort on the part of various organizations of the city to make distinct contributions to the cultural life of the community by bringing artists to the city from time to time.

SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Elder W. H. Taylor

Mrs. Mayme Queen, Reporter

621 Penna. Ave.

Hagerstown, Maryland

A joint reception was held in honor of the return of the pastor, who has been in Winston-Salem, North Carolina for two weeks’ revival meeting, and for the celebration of the Ladies’ Auxiliary’s first anniversary. The pastor was presented with a study by the basement committee of the auxiliary. The President, Mrs. Mayme Queen, outlined the work which has been accomplished by the auxiliary, such as, the erection of a basement kitchen, a reception room and the pastor’s study and giving financial aid to the church. The following persons participated on the program which followed: Mrs. Maudie Briscoe, solo by Mrs. Lo- ra Brooks, reading by Mrs. Jaunita Briscoe, Fred P. Teah Branch and Gannell Camphor.

We ask the prayers of the brotherhood for our faithful member who is ill and that we may continue to work faithfully in harmony under the leadership of our pastor, Elder H. W. Taylor.

11TH STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Elder A. J. Jeffries, Pastor

C. H. Haygood, Reporter

Birmingham, Ala.

Editor Visits Birmingham

“Be proud of our Church, give as others have given, deny thyself, subscribe to The Plea.”

Those were the words spoken by our Editor as he delivered an inspiring message that we will long remember.

One of the results of this message is that we have been able to secure seven more paid subscriptions to The Plea and we believe we will soon have many more.

We are still working to secure our new building which we believe is not very far away.

The church is grateful to those who are working that our goal may be reached.

Attention Endeavors!

The time is fast passing, it seems only yesterday we met in Little Rock and tomorrow we meet in Nashville.

Start now preparing to attend, to be represented and to take part in the interest of the C. E.

It has been of great joy to notice the many activities carried on by the various societies. We want you to bring some of those good thoughts to the convention so others may learn of them.

NORWOOD AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Elder E. W. Wilbert, Pastor

Arthur D. Gaskins, Reporter

617 Clifton Drive

Dayton, Ohio

Rev. Wilbert, just returned from a three weeks’ revival in Mississippi, reports a wonderful time in worship with old friends. The sisters of the church on their first appearance, April 21, had as their speaker, Mrs. Lee, a minister.

At the close of the Spring revival conducted by Rev. H. D. Griffin, it was noted that the attendance had been excellent and the spirit high.

Mother’s Day was sponsored by the Young Adults. They had as their speaker for the morning, Miss Verna Lewis of Bonebrake Seminary. The evening services consisted of songs.

Rev. L. L. Dickerson, choir, and congregation of Covington,Ky., presented a program on Sunday afternoon, May 19, in the interest of the Bible School rally.

The Norwood Christian Concert Company, directed by Professor Murray, was presented in a unique program in its first public appearance on Sunday evening. The Union Usher Board met at Norwood Church on Sunday evening, May 26th. Rev. Wilbert preached and the offering consisted of $52.15 for the day. The Senior Choir presented “The Challenge of the Cross.”

New Features of the Church

Twelve women, known as the ‘Comrades’, have organized to raise money without collection within the church.

Money for sending Sunday School children to conventions is raised by the Sunday School Birthday Club which raises money by sending a Birthday card to each member of the Sunday School on his Birthday month who in return gives 25c.

“The Nashville Contest” is sponsored by the Sisterhood-Brotherhood, Sunday School, and Young Adults to raise money for the building fund. The winner is awarded a trip to Nashville to the National Convention in August.

We are happy to state that Brother William Reid is able to be out again.

A baccalaureate sermon was preached for the following high school graduates: Misses Mabel Harris, Winifred Hart, Marybelle Harris and Messers. Robert McGill and Samuel Parker, Jr.

CANTON CHURCH OF CHRIST

Elder S. J. Compton, Pastor

Minnie Watkins, Reporter

955 Carnahan Ave., N. E.

Canton, Ohio

The month of May found the Church of Christ busy raising all possible funds for building purposes. It is hoped that the church will be well on its way by the first of June.

On Monday, May 26, the Junior Choir and Christian Endeavor Society gave a joint social at the home of Mrs. M. B. Watkins. The purpose of the social was to buy new songs for the choir and pay for literature for the Society.

At the last meeting of the Society, plans were discussed for a picnic to be given during the month of June. No definite date has been set for it.
The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Joe Bush.

Members who were sick during this month were: Mrs. Henderson Bradley, Miss Birdie Watkins and Mr. Osborne Bradley. The latter two are well and Mrs. Bradley is recuperating.

GREENWOOD NEWS
J. N. Keyes
714 Avenue I
Greenwood, Miss.

Sunday, May 25, was a high day at the First Christian Church. A large Sunday School and afterward a warm spiritual praise service. The pastor, Elder I. C. Franklin, brought the morning message from Luke 12: 1-11; subject, “The Rejected Stone.” One confession was made by a young, intelligent man. Sunday night the pastor brought another great message from Ephesians 6:11; subject, “Put on the Whole Armour of God.” Another gentleman accepted Christ. Both were baptized on Sunday.

FULTON STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Rev. J. E. Quarrel, Pastor
Mrs. R. E. Jackson, Reporter
608 Campbell St.
Palestine, Texas

Our honored guest on May 25 was our own Miss Carnella L. Jamison, National Secretary of Missions and Mrs. R. A. Thomas, State Treasurer of Missions. We were highly helped and entertained as well by a wonderful talk on missions by Miss Jamison. We hope to have Miss Jamison with us in our State Convention which will convene with the proud Fulton Street Christian Church, August 25. Mrs. Lizzie Wiley, our local President of Missions, has put on new life since Miss Jamison’s visit.

Sunday was a high day. Reverend Quarrel “stepped on the gas.” Our own Mrs. Quarrel, the better half of our pastor, made a flying trip to look on.

God called one of our Disciples from labor to reward. Sister Harris is our loss, but heaven’s gain.

CHRISTIAN CHAPEL
Mrs. M. J. Brown
Box 73
Port Gibson, Miss.

Christian Chapel Easter week began on Palm Sunday and celebrated the triumphal entry of Christ into Jerusalem one week before the Resurrection.

This week was decided to be a week of prayer when all the churches of the city would join in union in making it a success. Each church was given a night on the program. Christian Chapel’s Missionary Society had charge of the program on Sunday evening.

Monday evening, Mrs. M. J. Brown and Mrs. L. Toliver conducted the devotions. A large number were present to participate in the rendition of the prayer and praise service.

Tuesday night was conducted by the A. M. E. Church and an interesting program was given. Mrs. Vina Regan led in song and scripture reading.

Wednesday night devotions, led by S. R. Henry, were full of the Spirit. Thursday night, the Baptist members came out in numbers and we had an overflowing crowd full of the Spirit. A glowing night was spent in song and praise worship.

Friday night the service was conducted by Mrs. Beissie Thomas and Mrs. L. Brown.

Sunday morning at the rising of the sun many were assembled in the Christian Chapel church rejoicing in the Resurrection. Every heart was touched. At 11 o’clock the pastor, Rev. D. L. Jackson, preached a soul-stirring sermon on the Resurrection of Christ. He was assisted by Rev. Brooks, a student of S. C. I., who is quite a musician in church music and song.

The Week of Prayer was climaxd by the well-rendered drama by the young people, “The Dawn Comes Up.” Everyone sat rapt in attention as they witnessed this beautiful play which was sponsored by Mrs. Luvenia Moore and conducted by Miss Julia Moore. Miss Julia Moore is a student of High School and will be graduated with highest honors this year.

SOUTH SIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
R. E. LaTouche, Pastor
Kathryn Marty, Reporter

The South Side Christian Church is happy over the success of the recent recital given by Mrs. Rosa Page Welch and Mr. Ashby Wood.

Last Sunday, the choir participated in a musical given at the Lincoln Memorial Congregational Church. We had much to be proud of our director, Mr. C. Martin.

Since May 15th the youth program planning committee for the church has had two lengthy meetings in which they have seriously discussed revamping and revitalizing certain areas in the youth movement. Rev. LaTouche is giving his full support to this movement. A Sunday evening Vesper Hour is one of the proposed ventures.

CHRISTIANITY — THE SPIRITUAL INSURANCE
By Ivan Jones
Clay St. Christian Church
Paducah, Ky.

John 5:24 reads: “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my words and believeth on Him that sent me shall have everlasting life.

Two men were riding on a train. One man asked the other in what business he was engaged. The man replied: “I sell insurance.” What is your business? He answered: "I am a preacher, a salesman of God.” Every Christian is a booster of the Gospel.

His life determines the success of the minister. The preacher can only tell how to get the benefits of this great Spiritual Insurance. But it takes every member in the church to sell it. Jesus said: “Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven. When we use good products we tell our neighbors about them. That is what Jesus wants each of us to do about Christianity. Live the life so others will want to do so.

This morning, my friends, I hope to explain the benefits, rates and fees of the great Insurance, Christianity. Our Government is spending hundreds of dollars for the protection against sickness and death. Our cities have developed great systems of police and fire protection. But my friends, do you have an insurance with God? Jesus is his agent. His rates are reasonable. Governments, Insurance companies may fail, but God’s company never fails. Why not join it? If you belong to it, are you keeping up your dues?

To join God’s insurance company is simple. Confession, repentance, Baptism, and living the life are the steps to get into this company. Being a Christian is the weely dues. What is a Christian? A Christian is a follower. Mat. 9:9 reads: “And Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the receipt of customs; and he saith unto him, ‘Follow me.’ And he arose and followed. A Christian is a disciple or learner. John 8:31 says: “Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed in him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed. A Christian is a witness. Luke 24:48 reads: “And ye are witnesses of these things.” A Christian is one who lives, talks and follows Christ. Are you behind in your weekly dues? Somebody must be. Our churches are losing their influence. Men are seeking power. We are trying to persuade people by force instead of love. The war in Europe is a good example of
this. Negroes are being discriminat-
ed, against in the defense program. My friends, let's pay God the fee which we owe Him. We pay man for the insurance. Why can't we pay God, by loving our brother and doing our duty toward the church.

Have you ever stopped and thought about the benefits from this insurance? The agent, Jesus, taught there is one Father. His Father, the God in Heaven, the President of this company, is your Father and the Father of every human being. He offers us salvation through the blood of His Son, Jesus. This salvation was not for Jew alone. Christ preached to the Gentiles, praised a Roman Centurion for his faith, used a Samaritan to illustrate neighborly kindness, an African bore his cross over the shudder-

ing rocks to Golgotha. And a Ro-

man captain who seeing the dying Redeemer cried out, "This truly is God's son." Christ told his disciples, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

My friends: If we would truly ac-
cept his salvation, and follow Jesus, there would be one church instead of 200 different ones. Hate, discrimi-

nation and race prejudice would be wiped out. America could be spend-
ing billions of dollars on schools, hos-

pitals, relief, and houses, instead of tanks, ships, guns and airplanes. Youth couldn't be groping in the dark, wondering where they are going. Mothers and fathers would have no worries about their sons and daugh-

ters. Divorces and broken homes would cease to exist. Sister Brown wouldn't be jealous of Sister Jones because she has a new dress. Every Christian should be working toward that end when peace and Justice will dominate and not gun. When there will be one church, one nation and every man a brother. God's great Insurance Company offers this. Why

not join the Company. See Jesus and He will write you up.

We have insurances which protect our property, help us when we are sick or crippled, aid us in educating our children and pay us monthly in our old age. But none of these companies can give us what God's company does, Eternal Life. Man has spent millions for life. Men have fought for it. But there is but one way. Christ! He is the way and the light There is but one company that gives us this life. It is God's company. The man who doesn't take advantage of them. If lonely, unlucky in speculation, business, love, etc., let Pro-

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Are you keeping it up? It is simple to do. Live the life of a Christian.

God's Insurance Company also offers us peace and comfort. Today we all are hoping for peace. A little man from Galilee died on the Roman Cross to bring us peace and happiness. His way is too simple for us to accept. The world is trying their methods. What is the result? War, hatred, strife and hardship. Let's buy some protec-
tion against these things. Let's accept Christ's way and live. Our In-

surance has failed. Now, let us try God's company. His never fails.

Before Christ left here, he told the disciples that he would leave them a comforter. Every Christian has this comforter. When the load gets heavy, and the way gets dark, if you are a member of God's company you can call on Him. There have been many days when you didn't know how you were going to make it. Sometimes our friends, father, mother, sister and brother can't help us. But after a little conversation with God, every-

thing seems all right. When death comes to our beloved ones and us, it will be easier, because we have Jesus to walk with us and God to talk to. When everybody forsakes us, we can call on God. He will never fail a member of His company. Man's Insurance is a good protection, but we need God.

We must thank Jesus for teaching us how to get in this company. To those who haven't joined God's company, why not take out a policy with Jesus today? Look, what the policy gives:

1. A Father, God, who can help you at all times.

2. Peace and happiness through salvation.

3. Everlasting life.

4. Man has failed in all other methods. Why not try Jesus?

Take out a policy with Jesus today. All members who have not paid up, why not today?

I conclude with this little prayer, entitled, "A Man's Prayer."

"Teach me that sixty minutes make an hour, sixteen ounces one pound and one hundred cents one dollar. Help me so to live that I can lie down at night with a clear conscience, without a gun under my pillow and un-

haunted by the faces of those to whom I have brought pain. Grant that I may earn my meal ticket on the square, and that in earning it I may do unto others as I would have them do unto me. JESUS CHRISTIANITY. John 3:16 says: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." That was a dear price paid so you and I might have life. Yet many of us refuse to accept this life. Have you bought a policy from God?
**DISCIPLE DATES**

**NOTICE:** All ministers and interested people send the name and address of all Business and Professional men of the Brotherhood to the PLEA office at once. We want them to meet with Dr. J. E. Walker at the Silver Jubilee Convention, August 19-25, Nashville, Tennessee. Write the Editor at once.

Dear Readers:

I trust by this time you are looking forward to the 19th of August, the date for the convening of our National Convention. This being our year for the Silver Jubilee, our convention will be twenty-five years old. We should go on record and do some big things. Every church, missionary, society, bible school, Y.P.S.C.E., Ladies' Aid, Big Brothers club and all other organizations in the church should bring or send to the convention above your regular portion and let it be used for the opening of a school to stabilize its interest and centralize its forces. Every progressive organization has national headquarters with an executive force directing its work to the best interest of every department and agency. There must be a central executive even greater than the officers of the convention in session, which will direct and promote the business of the convention throughout the entire year, manage property, assets, and safeguard the integrity of the convention. With this in mind we offer the following set-up as an amendment to the constitution:

1. **A BOARD OF DIRECTORS** will meet every three months in headquarters, Nashville, Tennessee, composed of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Trustees of the National Convention. These directors to hold office as long as they give bona fide service.

2. **AGENCIES TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NATIONAL CONVENTION,** as follows:
   a. Department of Promotion and Finance.
   b. Department of Church.
   c. Department of Women's Missionary Society.
   d. Department of Bible Schools (Religious Education).
   e. Department of Christian Endeavor.
   f. Department of Publication (Christian Plea).

Each department to have a chair- man, vice-chairman, recording secretary, financial secretary.

3. The Department of Promotion and Finance, and the department of Publication will work directly from headquarters office throughout the entire year. The Departments of Church, Women's Missionary Society, Religious Education, and Christian Endeavor Society will be promoted by the respective chairmen throughout the year from the National headquarters' office. At the setting of the convention each department will report and turn over its records and finance to the Board of Directors, which will pay all bills, furnish all stationery, printing and literature for promotion.

4. The Board of Directors will make an annual report at the business session of the convention while in session. It will also determine all amendments to the constitution.

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hereby register for room and board at Tennessee A. and I. State College from August 19-25, 1941. Reserve room for:  
1 man; 2 men; 1 lady; 2 ladies; husband and wife; husband, wife and children.  
Note: Underline what you want.

Registration fee $5.00. Enclosed money order  
Will mail in ; Will pay when I arrive.  

Address all communications to  
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ELDER L. H. CRAWFORD
Mrs. Preston Taylor Calls Silver Jubilee Delegates

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KENTUCKY STATE
CONVENTION
The “Ole Ky.” State Conven-
tion will meet in Carlisle 16
miles north of Paris, July 22-
26. The morning session will be
in charge of Prof. Peoples and
staff for institute work.
C. H. Dickerson,
Lexington, Ky.

ANNOUNCEMENT
Illinois One-Day State Confer-
ence, July 24th, at Indiana
Avenue Christian Church, Chi-
cago. Three Services.
—Mrs. A. L. Martin,
341 East 42nd St., Chicago

MRS. PRESTON TAYLOR

Dear Christian Friends:
We, the local Jubilee National Con-
vention Committee, have gone on rec-
ord of trying to secure for you the
best facilities possible for your enter-
tainment. We have secured Tennessee
State College where you will room,
board and hold the Day Meetings.
Their regular summer session will
close August 15th and as you know
our convention starts on the 19th.
The women will be here August
17th and 19th for a pre-convention
period. I am appealing to you to help
me with this 25th year of our great
convention by doing the following
things as soon as you get the Chris-
tian Plea.

1. Sign the blank on this page.
2. Send the name and address of
all delegates who are coming on a
separate sheet of paper.
3. Send your $5.00 now so we can
make reservation.
4. Tell us whether you are man
or woman, married or single.
5. If you have any other facts we
need to help you, send them to us at
once.

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you is due to the fact that the college
does not know how much help to keep
unless they know how many are com-
ing.
NORTH CAROLINA DISCIPLES DESIRE UNITY

By John Webster Smith,
469 Walnut St., Danville, Ky.

"And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd."—John 10:16.

In the eastern part of North Carolina are many churches whose members are known as Disciples of Christ. During the past seven years I have been working in the public school system of this section and, consequently have come into intimate contact with these people. With few exceptions their mode of worship is almost identical with ours; their faith and doctrine are so similar to ours that a few of their ministers have come west and north and filled pulpits in our churches with little effort.

It was my privilege to visit one of their conventions during the fall and observe their program; they are desirous of doing more and better work. Our national field worker, Prof. R. H. Peoples, was in attendance at a similar meeting and can witness this desirability exhibited in their meetings. I feel that Prof. Peoples is somewhat responsible for this "Awakening" on their part in that he has visited among their churches and interested them in our work. Several ministers who heard him lecture in Smithfield, N.C. came back inspired to attend our National Convention in Nashville this August. Needless to say, in my humble way I have encouraged this idea and am looking forward to having some of them with us in Nashville.

I am particularly interested in the large group of young people of these churches. Some of our high school graduates have become quite interested in Jarvis Christian College and with a little encouragement in the form of scholarships would readily enter Jarvis or Southern Christian College. Next fall, I hope to secure some literature concerning our schools and be in a better position to serve as an informant. We should, also, like to gain a larger Christian Plea subscribing group in that section so that they may become better informed of our program and its activities.

My plea is for more cooperation with our eastern brothers.

PIEDMONT DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA West Virginia and North Carolina will meet at Corinth Christian Church, Chatham, Va., August 7-10, 1941.

REV. R. WESLEY WATSON
President National Convention

FIRE-SIDE CHAT

By R. Wesley Watson

My Dear Fellow-Workers this comes to let you know that we have been at thinking and planning for our National Convention which will meet in Nashville, Tennessee. It was our privilege to visit Nashville and talk with the local committee and they have all things well in hand, and we will be in one of our greatest conventions. Nashville is expecting us. Elder Crawford, Mrs. Taylor and Mr. Eppse have been at work for a long time and will be disappointed if we do not have a large gathering.

I am therefore urging all of our churches to be well represented.

Brethren, you have read of the Easter services held in Greenwood, it was a great occasion, the committee of which Mrs. Taylor was chairman deserves great credit for that service. What I like about it, all three of our churches were present. Their choirs lifted up with sweet music. I am anxious that all of us will spend time in the Upper Room before we get there and permit the Holy Spirit to lead us. This must be a convention of "Great Preaching" and prayer and much "Prayerful Planning" and we must come with a vision of the Christ in our hearts and do the thing that will help the cause. There will be no time for anything else.

This is our Twenty-fifth Convention and we are asking that we will bring a special silver offering for the work. Therefore, I am calling on every man and woman; boy and girl, who wears the name of Christ to make a special offering for the work. Think of the shortage of ministers; churches that have no preaching only when an evangelist comes in, we must make it possible that these churches hear the gospel and must also strengthen the men who carry the word, they must be sustained. Our workers must be supported and it can be done if you and I will do our part. Let us not fail the men who had this vision, they wrought well, let us follow in their steps doing our very BEST. It all depends upon you and me. The program committee has given us a great program and there is a treat in store for all who come.

Many interesting letters have come to me telling of their hopes for the convention. I am planning to arrive early and will be ready for any conferences. The Committee that was appointed to meet with our white brethren will please meet me Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock that we might study many things and do that which is best for the cause. That committee is Mrs. Preston Taylor, Mrs. Henry Herod, Miss Carnella Jamison, Sister Johnny Kirkpatrick, Elder W. H. Taylor, C. H. Dickerson, S. S. Myers, P. A. Grey, our General Secretary, Mrs. Rosa B. Braeey, R. H. Peoples, L. H. Crawford, R. R. Walton, T. W. Pratt, Dr. J. E. Walker, and Mr. Merl Eppse.

We must have a meeting of the Executive Committee of our convention also on Tuesday. I am asking the heads of all departments to please be present. We as Disciples of Christ will have a very fine opportunity to plan well and wisely for a great future. Should you have any criticism to offer we will be happy to have same. We must come prepared to speak out on all issues of the day and above all to preach the WORD. Nashville will be waiting to receive us, we know our great pastor has entertained more conventions than any other pastor and he has our Big Hearted Sister Taylor who stands with him and we have every reason to know that we will be well cared for. Let us cooperate with sending in advance registrations. It will greatly help all concerned.

Remember the National Convention Needs! Help our General Secretary, Mrs. Braeey, I am sure that you have now that very complete report in your hand, use it to talk up the work and above all, put something behind the program. We will have to do something about "Making Ministers." They are needed. It is up for you and me to make it possible that means are provided for the making of them. With every good wish for a great convention and thanking you for your cooperation I am yours in the work.
MONEY REPORTED BY CHRISTIAN PLEA SECRETARIES — June 30, 1941

1. Mrs. C. E. Rowan, 623 Mississippi Ave., Memphis, Tenn., 60 points.
4. Mrs. Alma Cumming, 4109 Prairie Avenue, Chicago, Ill., 25 points.
5. Mrs. Clara B. Girts, 2616 Belle Glade, St. Louis, Mo., 16 points.
7. Mrs. L. A. Ray, 505 Carnahan, Dayton, Ohio, 12 points.
8. W. A. Ayers, P.O. Box 446, Youngstown, Ohio, 11 points.
9. Mrs. Frances Robinson, 707 Pine St., Warren, Ohio, 10 points.
10. Mr. F. B. Young, Erlanger, Ky., 9 points.
11. Mrs. E. G. Starling, Martinsville, Va., 8 points.
13. Mrs. Ruby Brown, 818 Marechal Nell, Memphis, Tenn., 1 yr. sub. 75.
14. Mr. Alex Rubidt, 2581 Cable St., Memphis, Tenn., 1 yr. sub. 75.
15. Mrs. Helen D. McIvor, Memphis, Tenn., 1 yr. sub. 75.
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For CHRISTIAN PLEA

Prof. Eppse was at his best, Sunday morning, delivering a masterly address to a splendid audience at East Second Street Christian Church, Lexington, Ky.

Prof. W. O. Gill was also a visitor enroute to the Central Conference, Enola, Ky. — C. H. Dickerson

PROMINENT DISCIPLE PASSES

Mrs. Mary Curtis, 6586 Firewood Ave., Detroit, Michigan, passed from labor to reward, June 23. Mrs. Curtis was sixty-nine years old and was a Disciple all her life. She has the honor of being one of the founders of Lea Avenue Christian Church, where the Silver Jubilee Convention is to be held.

It is reported that she had lived in Detroit for the past eighteen years and was one of the pillars of our church in Detroit where Reverend Jordan is pastor.

Her only daughter, Mrs. Johnna Saunders, 6586 Firewood, Detroit, Michigan, was accompanied by Mrs. Ivy Galtskill, 71 Harmon St., Detroit, Michigan, to Nashville, where the funeral was held. The Taylor Under- taking Company was in charge and now she sleeps beneath the green carpet of beautiful Greenwood Cemetery.

Many friends, both in Nashville and Detroit, mourn her loss.

MR. AND MRS. BENJAMIN OLIVE VISIT GREENWOOD

Mr. Benjamin Olive, Memphis, Tennessee, visited Nashville in the interest of the Universal Life Insurance Company of which he is one of the high officers. He was accompanied by his charming wife and they were the guests of Mrs. Taylor. Mr. Olive is one of our strongest men in the brotherhood.

COME TO
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JULY, 1941 3
LEADERSHIP

J. M. Cowan, Chaplain

4th Quartermaster Training Regiment, Ft. Warren, Wyoming

If there is any virtue in “By their fruits ye shall know them” it ought to be applied to those whom our brotherhood shall choose to lead and to represent us. Will we relate the new young leaders chosen at the Silver Jubilee Convention in Nashville, Tennessee, August 19-2, 1941.

At this gathering the emphasis will be upon the past. Anniversaries, jubilees, and reunions are invaluable for fellowship, for inspiration, and for reviewing our gains and losses in the light of original objectives. However valuable the past may be, there is also the ever present danger that the present and future may be controlled too much by the past’s dead hand. The men and women who pioneered our national organization were forward looking people. On the eve of his departure one of these great souls said, “What happens to me doesn’t matter. My concern is for the outgoing church.”

Since 1935, the brotherhood has successfully honored those to whom honor was due by calling them to its highest offices. The cycle is almost complete for those who merited such honor on the basis of their service to the church or for their adherence to the convention and its program. For the welfare of the church as well as for the practical training of numerous and capable young men under forty years of age, some changes ought to be made in method and criteria for choosing our leaders. It is no reflection upon the ability or the integrity of any member of our group who has leadership ambitions to submit himself and his record to some reasonable standards of leadership.

The answer to “What has he or she more than others?” is not only reasonable but necessary for the protection of the individual and his constituency.

We have business and professional men in our group who would be horrified if someone suggested that they should conduct their business with the same unbusinesslike finese which we permit in the organization which represents and sometimes humiliates us. Here again is the need for a combination of Christian ethics and practical wisdom in our leadership. The assumption of impossible financial obligations, agitation for the establishment of educational institutions on “faith without works,” the refusal to retreat from lost causes, and jeopardizing our gains with competitive programs are some of the problems that should cause us to carefully scrutinize any and all prospective leaders and their programs. Political parties require their candidates for office to publish their platforms prior to election. Inasmuch as the National Convention has shown evidences of having some pretty good politicians within it, we might go all the way and require our candidates for office to let the public know in advance which way the twig is bending. Some would like to know the destination of our spiritual ship and something about the qualifications and purposes of our pilots before entrusting ourselves to their care.

The biblical criteria for the qualifications of leaders is found in I Timothy 3:1-13. Time has not changed these qualifications. The following suggested measurements are based directly upon these Pauline admonitions or, are related to them. Here they are:

1. A personal life which is not a handicap to one’s leadership.
2. A personality that attracts men and women to the cause and ideals the leader represents.
3. A proved devotion to Christ, the ministry, and the church.
4. Definite leadership abilities indicated by constructive pastorates, or by the successful administration of state, area, or national programs.
5. The ability to give and take criticism without condescending to personalities.
6. Evidence of a comprehensive understanding of the problems and issues facing the church in its relationships to the age it serves.

The Committee on Recommendations might think on these things with profit. This committee is human and imperfect, its findings represents the thinking of those who are constitutionally delegated to compose it. The convention should remember this and gird itself against tear-washed super-emotional appeals from the floor of the convention which sometimes destroys the work of the best intentioned committee.

In addition, all the agencies concerned with the work and guidance of the Negro Disciples might consider these or similar criteria in the choosing of and the retention of leaders from and within both groups. Leaders whose personalities and programs indicate their unfitness for specialized tasks should not be permitted to continue to hang like millstones around the necks of those whom they inadequately serve. When time and experience have proven the worth or worthlessness of a leader, those who are concerned and those who are responsible should have the courage to govern themselves accordingly.

Yours for the progressive growth of our brotherhood activities.
RELIGION IN LIFE
(Reprinted from The Nashville Tennessean, Wednesday, July 2, 1941)

By Rev. Ernest A. Ham,
Seventeenth St. Christian Church

A wise prophet said long ago, "Where there is no vision the people perish." With regret he lived to see the truth of his warning as his people were carried into slavery by their conquerors. So timely are his words we are tempted to think of him as a prophet of our own day.

As a people we are in danger of losing our vision. Blind prejudice and selfish interest is urging us to forget our "world citizenship." The religion of Christ is a matter of "far horizons." Jesus commissioned His Church in the terms of the "uttermost parts of the earth." Through the centuries of pagan greed, medieval graft and modern perplexity the Church has kept alive the spark of man's dreams of freedom. Undying, this vision has supplied the inspiration for revolution and the resource for reconstruction. It has been the death knell of many a tyranny and has made the way clear for the coming democracy.

Its blessings companion us today in healthier bodies, keener minds, and more sensitive spirits. Symbols of presence of this vision are homes, schools, and churches that dot our land. For the future welfare of all the world, it is imperative that we do not lose this vision. All of our ships of sea and air, monster tanks and guns, men and munitions, will have been used in vain to defend democracy around the world, if in their use we lose the vision.

"That men shall cease from hating, That war shall soon be abating, That the glory of kings and lords shall pale, That the pride of dominion and power shall fail, That the love of humanity shall prevail— Dreams are they all, but shall we despise them, God's dream."

MRS. HENRY HEROD VISITS NASHVILLE, JULY 4TH

The beautiful home of Mrs. Preston Taylor was the place where many Disciples spent their fourth. Among the guests were Mrs. Henry Herod of Indianapolis, Indiana and Mr. McNary and his two sons. While in the city they were the recipients of many courtesies.

JUBILEE CONVENTION THEME SONG

"WE'RE GOING BACK TO NASHVILLE"
(Sung to the tune, "Going Back to Dixie"

By C. H. Dickerson
Lexington, Ky.

Were going back to Nashville, we're going back to Nashville
Where we started 25 years ago.
The Pioneers are falling, we hear the remnant calling,
Our hearts turn back to Nashville, and we must go.

We're going back to Nashville, our National Convention
To meet old friends and new ones, too many to mention
The Plea bigger and better, the staff are real "go-getters"
Watson says come to Nashville and we must go.

We're going back to Nashville to meet the Moma and Dads
Prof. Eppse and Christian Plea say bring along your "Seeds"
Bring fives and tens and twenties, your roll, peel off a plenty
Enroll and don't miss any, we all must go.

We're going back to Nashville to give the Plea a "shovin'"
And help Prof. Eppse and "them" to keep the "Wheels a-movin'"
Can't run the mill 'bout fodder, nor boat without the water
Let's lubricate the starter, yes, all must go.

We're going back to Nashville, 'tho some have crossed the river
Echoing are their voices, cheering us on forever
Our names are on the roster, with time's wheel turning faster
Let's meet once more in Nashville, before we go.

We'll bury all the hatchets and not leave out a handle
We'll dress the room in roses, perfuming every mantel
Faith of our father's "singing," we'll have the "Welkin ringing"
At our National in Nashville, so we all must go.

—Written especially for the CHRISTIAN PLEA
By C. H. Dickerson, 340 Ohio Street, Lexington, Ky.

TEXAS DISTRICT EVANGELIST REPORTS SUCCESSFUL CLOSING OF FISCAL YEAR

By Mrs. Maude Davis
Granger, Texas

The closing of our fiscal year of District Board No. 2, Division 2, was held in Davilla. We were proud to have our State president, Prof. I. Q. Hurdle and wife with us. Large delegations from Taylor, with Brother Hatcher, and Holland. We had one accession by baptism and took up $21.63 in the offering. I wish to thank all the churches in my board for responding so beautifully. We raised the amount of $118.03. I also wish to thank Holland and Taylor churches for raising $20.02 to give to Rev. R. L. Peters, who was only able to preach one sermon at each of these churches. Many praises were given to our National Evangelist and everyone is anxious to hear him again.

I wish to thank the following churches who responded to my call for a special gift for Rev. G. W. Taylor who has spent sixty-five years in the ministry. During the month of December, I sent letters throughout the Brotherhood of Texas asking for a contribution for Brother Taylor. This small number of churches responded:

- Boll St. Christian Church, Dallas $5.00
- East Annie Church, Forth Worth 2.00
- Grove St. Church, Houston, Texas 3.00
- Murphy St. Church, Taylor, Texas 2.75

$12.75

I wish to thank Taylor and Holland Missionary Societies for $10.50 reported.

NEWS FROM TENNESSEE STATE

By Elder S. Kenney
207 Elmo St., Johnson City, Tenn.

I am very happy to say I am much better after a long spell of sickness, during which my vice-president, Elder D. B. Bradley has been looking after the state work. We are planning to open the Tennessee State Convention at the Gay Street Christian Church, Nashville, Tennessee, August 17th and close August 18th at 11 o'clock, and join the National Convention at the Lea Ave. Christian Church, of Nashville for participation in their sessions, at 11:30.

Registration fee for the state convention will be $1.50 for six meals. We are asking all of the churches in the state of Tennessee to make their report not later than Tuesday morning. We are praying for the greatest National Convention in the history of the church. The Badge for the state convention will be ten cents each.
We must go upward and forward as a big brotherhood under the fatherhood of God.

NEWS OF JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Summer school is moving along nicely. Mr. E. J. Dixon, dean of the session reports the largest enrollment in the history of the school. A fine type of work is being accomplished by the group.

On June 13th, a conference on Elementary Education was held on our campus. Representatives were present from more than fourteen counties.

The purpose of the conference was to recommend the improvement of the college curriculum so as to meet the needs of the Elementary school teachers and their communities. The conference was sponsored by the State Department.

The building program is in full sway. The president’s new home and the new duplex are nearing completion.

The families living in the Teacher’s cottage are having a sample of trail-er life.” The building along with the president’s old cottage is being moved to a new location.

Many improvements are being made. Those returning to the campus in September will be very pleasantly surprised.

JARVIS BIBLE PROFESSOR

REV. W. O. GILL, B.A., B.D.

Graduate of Talladega College with A.B. degree and Howard University with a B.D. degree will head the Religious Department of Jarvis College this fall.
SILVER JUBILEE NATIONAL CONVENTION
NASHVILLE, TENN. AUGUST 19-25
TENTATIVE PROGRAM
THEME: "Facing the Crisis With Christ"—PHIL. 4:13

TUESDAY NIGHT
7:30 Local Church Program, Lea Avenue Christian Church
Response to Welcome Address
Annual Message of the convention President, R. Wesley Watson

WEDNESDAY MORNING
7:00-8:30 Ministers' Breakfast — Conference
8:45-9:45 Conferences.
President Officer, R. W. Watson
9:55 Worship, F. H. Coleman, Missouri
10:15 Anniversary Sermon, C. H. Dickerson, Kentucky
10:45 Music
10:50 Messages: The Past—H. G. Smith, Texas
Symposium: The Crisis—Geo. C. Campbell, Illinois
The Outlook—Mrs. R. B. Bracy, Missouri
Presentation of Founders, L. H. Crawford
12:15 Benediction, D. W. Bradley, Tennessee
12:30 Lunch

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON
2:00 Worship, Delmar Jackson, Mississippi
President, R. W. Watson
2:15 Message, Dr. Robert M. Hopkins, Pres. U.C.M.S., Indiana
2:45 Business
President, R. Wesley Watson, Missouri
Secretary, L. L. Dickerson, Ohio
Treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker, Tennessee
National Evangelist, R. L. Peters, North Carolina
Editor of "The Christian Plea", Merle R. Eppse, Tennessee
National Secretary, R. H. Peoples, Indiana
General Secretary, Rosa B. Bracy, Missouri

THURSDAY MORNING
7:30-8:30 Ministers' Breakfast — Conference
8:45-9:45 Conferences.
President, E. W. Wilbert
10:00 Worship
10:15 Sermon, J. D. Henry, Goldsboro Raleigh District
10:40 President's Message, R. R. Walton
11:00 Business
12:15 Benediction, Jessie Hawkins, Texas
12:30 Lunch

THURSDAY AFTERNOON
MISSIONARY SOCIETY
President, Mrs. M. G. Kirkpatrick Kentucky
2:00 Worship, Mrs. Susie Flowers
2:15 Address, Mrs. R. E. Hancock, "Women and the World Crisis," New York
2:40 Music
2:45 Forum Session:
World Peace, Mrs. Hattie Singleton, Kentucky
Interracial Relations, Mrs. W. P. Harmon, Tennessee
3:05 Women's Business Period:
Report of National Officers: Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Children's Worker.
Report of National Secretary, Miss Carnella L. Jamison, Indiana
Report of States
Appointment of Committees
4:00 Convention Business Period, PRES. R. W. WATSON, President
Missionary Benediction, Mrs. Mary VanBuren, Missouri
5:30 Dinner

THURSDAY NIGHT
President, Mrs. A. E. Gilmore
7:30 Worship, Mrs. Maude Davis, Texas
7:45 Presentations: Pioneer women, former presidents and guests, Mrs.
H. L. Herod, Indiana
7:55 Music
8:00 President's Message, Mrs. M. G. Kirkpatrick
8:25 Hymn
8:30 Message, Mrs. H. B. Marx, Executive Secretary, Missionary Organizations Dept. U.C.M.S., Indiana
9:00 Music
9:05 Offering

**FRIDAY MORNING**

7:30-8:30 Ministers' Breakfast
8:45-9:45 Conferences

**MISSIONARY SOCIETY—Presiding, MRS. M. G. KIRKPATRICK**

10:00 Worship, Mrs. W. E. Ervin, Tennessee
10:15 Sermon, "Living Stones in a Living Church," Rev. Z. H. Howard, Missouri
10:45 Hymn, We've a Story to Tell to the Nations
11:00 Representative of Missionary Women from Goldsboro, Raleigh District, Mrs. Daisy Parks, North Carolina
11:10 Presentation of Loving Cup
11:20 Unfinished Business
11:45 Hymn, "In Christ There is no East or West"
12:15 Missionary Benediction, Mrs. Howard McCarty, Mississippi
12:30 Lunch

**CHRISTIAN ENDURANCE—Presiding, PRES. C. H. HAYGOOD**

2:00 Worship, Mrs. Mildred Riley, Tennessee
2:15 President's Message, C. H. Haygood, Alabama
2:30 Hymn
2:40 Report of Officers
2:45 Report of States
3:00 Appointment of committees
3:20 Hymn
3:30 Message, C. W. Blackburn, Flanner House, Indiana
3:40 Message, The United Christian Youth Movement, Herbert Minard, Editor, Front Rank, Missouri
4:00 Convention Business
4:30 Lunch

**FRIDAY NIGHT**

7:00 Worship, N. W. McGowan, D.C.
7:15 Pageant, Directed by Mrs. Rosa B. Bracy, Missouri
8:15 Address, Dr. J. E. Walker, Tennessee
8:40 Music
9:00 Offering
9:30 Benediction, C. E. Craggett, Ohio

**SATURDAY MORNING**

7:30-8:30 Ministers' Breakfast
8:45-9:45 Conferences

**MISSIONARY SOCIETY—Presiding, PRES. R. W. WATSON**

10:00 Worship, H. C. Poston, Ohio
10:15 Sermon, S. H. Hariston, Virginia
10:50 Unfinished Business for all Departments
11:15 Benediction, W. H. Brown, Kansas
11:30 Lunch

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON**

2:00 Worship, A. D. Littles, Kansas
2:15 Unfinished Business

**SATURDAY NIGHT**

8:00 Christian Youth Fellowship, Foster Craggett, Presiding

**SUNDAY MORNING**

5:30 Sunrise Prayer Service
6:30 Bible School: National President and Local Superintendent
11:00 Sermon, Rev. Watson
11:15 Benediction
11:30 Offering
11:45 Communion, Brother Martin and two assistants

**SUNDAY NIGHT**

7:30 Worship, A. J. Jefferies
8:00 Sermon, D. C. Brayboy
8:25 Hymn
8:30 Offering
9:00 Benediction, R. W. Watson

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Silver Jubilee Delegates

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Nashville, Tennessee

Clip and return to Mrs. Taylor at once

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YOUTH ACTIVITIES

FROM THE CAPITOL OF THE BUCKEYE STATE, COLUMBUS, OHIO

Dear Reader and Co-worker:

We closed the missionary year and trust the success has been the best we have to offer as under various conditions. Now for the next few weeks, if we will turn our attention to our 25th National Convention and the Children's Missionary Organizations and make this a great year in new and renewed organizations, we could look forward to a great future in missionary endeavors. As we look back 25 years, many of our great workers have fallen and the same will be true in the next 25 years. So then, if the work is to live, it must be through the young people and children.

As child worker, I am hoping we will be able to continue our Children's Institute as was conducted for the local children by the workers last year, one hour each morning. So we are asking for the presence of the children of our churches in Nashville, to be present daily. This was a great inspiration for the children and also children workers and we are asking all state children workers to come prepared to contribute to this future of our children missionary organization. Also, as a special, will each child write a short story on "What I Know About Our National Missionary Women," those who have served in any official capacity during these 25 years.

You can get this information from your parents, pastor, missionary president, Children Workers of your church or your church library. The age is up to 14 years and the best story written will receive a nice little prize given by your National Children Workers.

Here are some who have worked faithfully and there are others, take your choice: Mrs. Preston Taylor, Mrs. Rosa Bracy, Mrs. Henry Herod, Mrs. Leuenia Devine, Mrs. Gennie Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Wm. Alphin, Mrs. Sarah Bostick, Mrs. Susa Offutt, Mrs. Pearl Craggert, Mrs. Rosa Page Welch, Mrs. L. H. Crawford, Mrs. M. L. Singleton, Mrs. N. Berry and others. You may choose. Let's make this history year in our 25th Anniversary Celebration, God helping us, we can.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. D. C. Fowler
National Secretary of Children's Missionary Organization

BIBLE SCHOOL PRESIDENT MAKES TOUR

Just a few more days and every loyal disciple will be Nashville bound for the great Silver Jubilee. Each and every Bible School of our convention and brotherhood ought to feel it a duty to pay $2.00 apportionment fee and each state or district convention $10.00. Heretofore we have only asked $5.00 per state or district but let us all try to double it and pay the $10.00. Many fine things await your coming to Nashville. Let us count on each school sending a representative.

For the past four weeks I've had the privilege and honor of visiting churches and schools in Kentucky, Ohio, New York, Maryland, Washington, D.C., and Virginia. Everything looks fine throughout our brotherhood and the reception has been grand every place I stopped. I stopped a very detailed report at the convention. Sincerely do we hope that this good-will tour in the interest of our convention will bear much fruit. So until we meet in Nashville here is hoping that each superintendent is making preparations for the National Convention.

Your President,
Elder Raymond R. Walton
529 4th Ave., S.
Nashville, Tenn.

MID-WEST CONFERENCE

By R. WESLEY WATSON

Mid-West Conference was well attended, ninety boys and thirty-six girls and four adults for Adult Seminar. The faculty was R. H. Peoples, Dean; Miss Marion Anderson, Culture Representative; Miss Johnny Howard, Missionary and Teacher; Mrs. Vera Lorance and Miss Jessie Lorance, Robert M. Hopkins, Jr., Wm. Alphin, Teachers; Mrs. Margaret Webb, Teacher and Dean of Women; Wm. Martin, Vesper Speaker and Dean of Men; E. Wesley Watson, Director and Teacher.

The conference is increasing and students are planning to have at least seventy-five next year. Miss Margaret Gladney of St. Louis was given her diploma having finished the four year course. The faculty made a very fine contribution to the young people and they all went away full of inspiration for the work. We were very happy to have Mr. Robert M. Hopkins, Jr. on our faculty, he also brought an interesting message upon the theme "Victorious Youth." Miss Johnny Howard gave a most helpful message upon

S.C.I. Mr. Raymond Baldwin, of Kansas was present and also delivered an interesting message. Mr. Briggs and a quartet of Phillips University worshiped with us and the quartet furnished us several interesting numbers.

Through the kindness of Mr. Baldwin, our conference now has a permanent home at Bonner Springs, Kansas, this camp is an ideal one and every one is well pleased with the location and facilities. Sunday morning a group of conferees under the direction of Miss Jessie Lorance gave several musical numbers, with Mrs. Vera Lorance singing "My Task" and R. Wesley Watson brought the message at the morning services of the First Christian Church. The group left for home each looking forward to the next conference of 1942.

To the Missionary Societies of Texas:

August is convention time in Texas. Approximately one year ago, we renewed our vows to the Missionary Society in Bay City, and departed for home carrying in our hearts a burning zeal to achieve our goals. For some, it is self-evident that our fire was out by the time we arrived home.

How well we have achieved remains to be seen August 6-10, in Palestine. Ladies, how about you? Have you worked, prayed, and paid your part. —or, have you complimented blamed your minister's leadership for your failure? Have you exaggerated the indifference of your minister and co-workers, and minimized your own opportunity?

It is regretful that upon checking our reports, we find irregular or no reports from some of our larger societies. May I urge you to face your sacred obligation and do something about it, ere we meet in Palestine? Will you invariably fall in the "jaw bone" class, who simply prate and talk? Come to the convention. We need you. You need us.

The beautiful Thula Mae Weathers Loving Cup has been won this year which is a forward step over last year. Come see the cup presented to the qualified society and applaud the winner. It may go to you next year.

I call upon the women of Texas, in the name of your Christ, to come and have fellowship spiritually, intellectually and financially in your State convention.

The president and secretary are mailing you your convention report blank. Please bring them with you.

Faithfully,

Arah Evans Garrett, State Secretary of Missionary Societies of Texas. Box 462, Granger, Texas.
WOMAN’S PAGE

TEXAS LEADER OF WOMEN COMPLETES SUCCESSFUL TOUR WITH NATIONAL EVANGELIST

By Edwin M. Hurdle
3511 Kimble Street
Dallas, Texas

Dallas, Tex.—One of Texas' greatest leaders of women and also Second Vice-President of the Women's Department of the National Convention of Disciples of Christ in America, Mrs. E. G. Titus, has returned to her home in Dallas, Texas from a successful tour with National Evangelist, R. L. Peters.

Mrs. Titus was chosen to direct the gospel singing for the evangelistic campaigns in Dallas, Waxahachie, Corsicana, Waco, Holland, Taylor, Austin, Live Oak, Cedar Lake, Houston and Beaumont.

The evangelistic campaign was of ninety days duration and sixty-one souls were saved. In many of the smaller cities choirs had to be organized and appropriate music selected.

This great personality was also valuable as a personal worker for the attendance of prospective christians at the meetings.

Rev. Peters and the churches of Texas are appreciative of Mrs. Titus' unlimited sacrifice of time and effort in the evangelistic campaign of 1941.

NOTICE

Christian Endeavor Organizations,
Christian Churches,
Disciples of Christ Brotherhood

Dear Endeavorers:

We have come a long way on this christian road together. In Nashville, Tenn., from August 19-25, 1941, we will celebrate our 25th year as a national body.

We should like for you to give us some information about your local youth group. We realize that you will be reporting in your district and state conventions, therefore, we feel that this is the time to take count of our young people.

Please clip and fill in the blank found at the bottom of this letter; paste it on a postal card and mail it to me. (Evelyn L. Smith, 6440 Rhodes Ave., Chicago, Illinois). In order to get our records together by National Convention time, we are asking you to mail this information back by August 1, 1941.

Your hearty cooperation is sincerely solicited. We are counting on you to help us put over this project 100 per cent.

Yours for service,

C. H. Haygood, President
C. A. Robertson, Vice-President
Rubina Stultz, Recording Secretary
Evelyn L. Smith, Cor. Secretary
C. H. Webb, Treasurer

MISS JAMISON’S COLUMN

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Did you think that I had skipped ahead of the calendar? Not exactly.

It is the beginning of our new missionary year. What we do these first six months will help to determine the amount of happiness shared in 1942. The financial reports are not yet complete to tell exactly what was accomplished financially the past year (July '40 - June '41) but we are making our plans now to develop our societies more fully for the new year.

You have already received a letter concerning your goal. If there are questions please raise them, if not, return your goal acceptance card at once if you have not done so. The Mission Study—“Christianity and Democracy in America” is a study which we cannot very well neglect. Democracy will not be effective in America until a Christian attitude is assumed by the majority and to be Christian one must study to be informed.

Mail your order for one of the packets on Democracy not later than tomorrow.

Home Missions and Human Rights
—A packet of programs including the book “Author of Liberty”—75 cents.
Christian Frontiers for Democracy
—a discussion packet, 50 cents. Both packets may be obtained by paying $1.15. (For July-December and January-June).

The week of July 6, I attended the United Christian A d u l t Movement Conference at Lake Wawasee, Indiana. This was a helpful experience. The areas discussed and in which Christian Adults should be informed and active are:

The Bible in Life
Personal Faith and Experiences
Christian Family Life
Church Life and Outreach
Community Issues
Major Social Problems
World Relations

The remainder of my field work for the summer includes Conventions in the following states: Kentucky, Missouri, Texas, Mississippi. I shall expect all who can possibly come to attend our Jubilee Convention. A call and invitation was extended to you in the June issue of the Christian Plea by Mrs. Johnnie Kirkpatrick, President of Women's Department of the National Convention.

Will I see you in national and state conventions?

Yours sincerely,

CARNELLA L. JAMISON,
Nat'l Soc'y Missionary Organizations
PRE-CONVENTION SESSIONS
Missionary Society Leaders

Why are the district, state, and national leaders so concerned about arriving at Nashville by 10 a.m., Monday, August 18? Well, they realized that the convention program was too crowded to get everything done. Last year twenty-four leaders representing nine states shared the worship, business and fellowship of the pre-convention session.

This year our new executive secretary of missionary organizations, Mrs. H. B. Marx, as well as Mrs. R. A. Doan, the Vice-President of the United Christian Missionary Society will be with us.

These are important days for the women of our brotherhood. Will the local leaders and members support your district and state leaders to such an extent that they will be able to attend?

Children's Workers

Out of an experience and fellowship of children's work leaders shared in St. Louis at a pre-session of the International Convention a continuation of its kind is carried over to August 18. A small nucleus of twelve will comprise the group. Their aim will be to study the situation of our Brotherhood as related to the Christian Education of our children. Plans and suggestions for the development of a larger program will grow out of the conference.

Both missionary society and children's workers pre-convention sessions will convene at A. and I. State College, Nashville, August 18 and 19.

NORTH AMERICA COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN YOUTH

Assembled at Estes Park, Colorado, high in the Rockies were 185 youth and their leaders. They came from 38 states in the union representing 37 agencies and 21 denominations. There were 150 Disciples participating in this fellowship. Those representing our brotherhood were Miss Evelyn Dunn, St. Louis, Missouri, and Mr. Foster Craggett, Cleveland, Ohio, who are the co-presidents of our National Christian Youth Fellowship. Miss Carnella L. Jamison, National Secretary of Missionary Organizations, Indianapolis was the adult representative.

The Council meeting was divided into seven commissions and our representatives participated and made contributions to the commission of their choice.

This cross section of youth in attendance at the Council chose as its continuing theme, "Build Today for a Christian World."

WHO'S WHO IN BLUEFIELD, WEST VIRGINIA

Charles H. Thompson

Jones Street Christian Church has always had as members a number of carpenters and builders. The present building was constructed, and twice remodeled, by members of the church. The last remodeling job, a unique basement and kitchen, was done in 1938. The work was done by the Charles H. Thompson Building Company, Architects and Modern Home Builders.

The senior member of the company is Charles H. Thompson (one of the two Charles Thompsons who are members of the church).

Charles H. Thompson was born in Virginia, and educated in the public schools of Virginia and "Life's Hard School of Experience," from Los Angeles, California to La Rochelle, France. Thompson is truly a cosmopolitan person having lived and worked in Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Utah, New Mexico, Arizona and California. He has been a building contractor and architect since 1919. He has built and remodeled houses and miscellaneous articles of furniture "from a toothpick to a piano."

He served 19 months in the United States Army during the World War—much of the time was spent in France, where he served on house construction projects in three camps. After the war he went to California, and while there helped to draft the Pacific Building Code, through H. C. Hanson, then building inspector of San Bernardino, California.

He came to Bluefield in 1939. He has a wife and four children, and owns his home, in which can be found quaint articles of furniture and novelties, which he designed and built, the like of which are not seen elsewhere. He is a deacon of Jones Street Christian Church.

CANTON CHURCH OF CHRIST

Elder S. J. Compton, Pastor
Minnie Watkins, Reporter
955 Carnahan Ave., N.E., Canton, Ohio

On June 1, the invocation exercises were handed to the young people, led by Birdie Watkins and John Compton. Elder Compton delivered a sermon directed to children of today.

The district meeting was held June 15 at the Church of Christ. Delegates were present from Youngstown, Warren, Cleveland East 8th and Cleveland Cedar Ave. At the meeting, officers for the next year were elected. The Missionary Society held its semi-monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. M. B. Watkins, Thursday, June 19. A four o'clock tea was discussed to be held in the near future.

Elder Walton, our Bible School president, visited the Church of Christ, June 27. In his speech he discussed Christianity and duties of members of Christian Churches. He also sang several numbers that were enjoyed by all.

Your reporter would like to express her profound appreciation to the Pastor and members of the church for the magnificent surprise graduation party given in my honor, Monday, June 16 and for the lovely gifts bestowed on me. I, especially want to thank Mrs. Viola Bradley, Mrs. Watkins, Misses Onel Bush, Birdie Watkins, and Gladys Bush without whose help the party could not have been a success.

IT HAS WORKED FOR US

By R. L. Sercy

Oklahoma City, Okla.

To our brotherhood, and readers of the Christian Plea: We the members and Pastor of the East Sixth Street Christian Church are about to close this Conventional year with all problems solved. Our attendance above the ordinary, finance over the top. Each month of the year we have been able to pay all bills and have money left over for reserve.

Enthusiasm is very high, and the passion for lost souls is in the heart of all East Sixth St. Christians. We have come to the realization that Christ's program will work. It has worked for us thus far. As a brotherhood we must understand that methods will fail when not applied in the right way and at the right time; but principals remain the same.

I fear that we are confusing stimulation with nourishment, and plaster with marblestone. Thus allowing ourselves to be tied to buildings and crippled by organizations. I fear that we have preached finance, and pushed our organization with so much force until we have over shadowed the personal touch of the Church which
Christ died for.

We wonder about our young people, and how to reach them. Projects and methods will reach them, but you must change your methods with the time and as fast as time moves, no one has enough of it to just sit down and it will work for you. The gospel will draw young people as well as the old; if you don’t believe it, just preach it. I don’t mean thoughts, experiences, science, philosophy, finance nor organization, but the gospel only will solve your problem about young people.

We are making ready for the State Convention which will convene in Oklahoma City this year. We hope for the best we have ever had in years. Oklahoma will throng Nashville this year for the National Convention, look for us in a big way. 40 new members have been added to our church this past year and we are looking for many more soon. We ask your prayers that we stay in hand reach with God so he can continue to bless us, and we shall glorify his name in Oklahoma.

NOTES FROM THE OLD ASPARAGUS BED
By W. B. Gault

We are looking forward to a great State Convention and hope to send someone to represent us at the Youth Conference.

DISTRICT MEETING CONVENED AT PARIS, KY., JUNE 14-15
By A. D. Gault, District Secretary

The Third District closed out a good district meeting for this conventional year at Paris, Ky., June 14-15. The morning session, devoted to the history of the District, started at 10 a.m. with devotions led by Mr. M. J. Daney, the principal speaker. Rev. H. T. Wilson, president of the Church Work of the District. Music was furnished by the Paris Bible School choir who sang, "Beautiful Garden of Prayer."

An address, "Developing the Local Church Through Christian Education" was delivered by Prof. William Reed, Superintendent of the Paris Bible School. The training period was conducted by Rev. H. D. Griffin, State Evangelist, Mr. Thomas Johnson and Miss Georgia January.

Mrs. Edith Wilson Bristow, recent June bride and our State Bible School president, spoke on the Youth Conference and the coming State Convention. Miss Mary Butler, president of the District Bible School, took a great part in the activities of the meeting.

Sunday was a big day. A good Sunday School session was inspiring, at which time, Rev. W. D. Campbell preached on the subject, "Our Father." In the afternoon, Rev. Griffin preached a wonderful sermon, having as his subject, "To Those Who Have Achieved." The following officers were elected: J. A. Johnson, President; A. D. Gault, Secretary, and J. A. Huttsell, Treasurer. These officers were elected for their 11th year. Prof. William Reed of Paris, and Miss Estella Lewis, vice-president and assistant secretary, respectively, completed the list of officials.

The schools in this District expressed a sincere hope to send representatives to the Youth Conference and to have a large attendance at the State Convention.

THE SOUTHERN OHIO SAVINGS BANK AND TRUST COMPANY LAUDS FIFTH CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN ITS SPLENDID WORK IN PAYING OFF ITS MORTGAGE
By Mrs. Alice Smith, Clerk,

Fifth Christian Church
Cincinnati, Ohio

To the readers of the Plea:

We, the Fifth Christian Church of Cincinnati, Ohio, have been rather silent so far as expressions in the Plea goes, yet that does not say that we are not working. We are alive and have a splendid working spirit, and are happy to state that we are in
complete harmony. The pastor, Elder S. E. Devine, has been asked to go to his hometown, Nicholasville, Ky., on the second Sunday in July to preach for one of the clubs there. He will take the Gospel Chorus and several members with him.

We have here at Fifth Christian, better known to you as Kenyan Avenue Church, a Junior Chorus, a Young People's Chorus, a Gospel Chorus and a regular Senior Choir. The sponsor of the Gospel Chorus is Mrs. L. A. Devine, the pastor's wife. We have additions nearly every week, and three baptisms are scheduled for our next meeting.

So that you may get an idea of some of our great work, we are enclosing a letter that the bank wrote our pastor on May 7th. The letter reads as follows:

The Southern Ohio Savings Bank and Trust Company
Member Federal Reserve System
Cincinnati
May 7, 1941

Rev. S. C. Devine,
930 Richmond Street,
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Reverend:

I am writing a letter expressing the appreciation of the work your Trustees and your congregation have done during the year 1941 in paying the delinquent interest on the mortgage loan which The Southern Ohio Savings Bank & Trust Co. has on your church property.

Since January 1st you have paid $372.70, which is over a year's interest on the loan. This is a marvelous showing and I know now that you will get all the delinquent interest paid up to date by the end of the summer and will then pay monthly, both interest and principal on the loan.

I want to come down to the celebration your congregation will have when the indebtedness is entirely paid up and you can burn the mortgage.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) Wallace S. Esyp,
Vice-President

Our pastor, wife and other members will meet you at the National Convention.
—Mrs. Alice Smith, Church Clerk

INDIANA AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
4413 Indiana Ave., Chicago, Ill.
By Mrs. Alna P. Cummings
4109 Prairie Avenue

We are proud to report that the Building Fund Drive of 1941 has reached the goal of over $600.00.

The church is planning to celebrate the pastor's eleventh anniversary on Thursday evening, July 17, with a banquet sponsored by the Senior Choir.

The Illinois State Conference will convene at the church on July 24.

The Missionary Society held their last meeting of the year, June 29, at the home of Mrs. F. Nunnerez, 3737 Giles Ave. Miss F. Hamilton co-hosted.

The new officers were installed by the retiring president, Mrs. Sallie Cotter Richardson. Mrs. Irene Abernathy presented our retiring president with a gift from the members.

Mrs. Richardson closes four years of successful service in the Missionary cause.

The church is anticipating a large representation at the “Silver Jubilee National Convention,” Aug. 19-25. We will see you there.

NORWOOD AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Elder E. W. Wilbert, Pastor
Arthur D. Gaskins, Reporter
617 Clifton Drive
Dayton, Ohio

The Norwood Christian Church of Dayton is keeping abreast of the times since the cost of living has increased. The congregation realized that their pastor was not exempt from this increase so by an overwhelming majority they voted to increase his salary.

A visit to the Zoological Gardens in Cincinnati will take place of the annual Sunday School picnic. Rev. Walton, National Sunday School President preached a baccalaureate sermon to those of the high school graduating class during the Sunday School reception. T. J. Smith was also a speaker on this occasion.

The delegates to the State Convention in Springfield, Ohio this month are: Mrs. Ann Owens for the church; Miss Winifred Hart and Mr. Robert McGill for the Sunday School; and Miss Marybelle Harris, for the Christian Endeavor.

The Pastor, choir and congregation were guest of the McKinley A.M.E. Church, June 26, at their Anniversary celebration. Rev. Wilbert delivered the sermon.

The Young Adults elected the following officers at their last meeting: Mrs. Dorothy Wilbert, Treasurer; Mrs. Ann Owens, Secretary; Mrs. Mary Spicer, Assistant Secretary; Mrs. M. McLemore, Vice-President; and Arthur D. Gaskins, President.

Brother E. Butler, Mrs. Anna Harris, and Mrs. Lula Butler all gave some form of entertainment in the interest of the Nashville contestants.

On the evening program of the Young Adult Sunday, June 29, the reports were made on the contestants. Brother Henry France, contestant of the Brotherhood was fourth with $22.00; Miss Mable Harris of the Sunday School was third with $55.00; Mrs. Margaret McLenmore second with $65.00; and the winner Miss Butler with $80.00. The amount turned over by the Young Adults to the Building Fund after all expenses were paid and transportation to Nashville taken out, was $209.78. The church is proud of Miss Butler and are pleased to have her represent them at the Nashville Convention.

JONES STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS
F. Louise Anderson
P.O. Box 707, Bluefield, W. Va.

The Senior Missionary Society closed its penny rally, Sunday with an interesting program and a total of $11.82 in money. Mrs. Margie Anderson is president of this society.

The Usher Board with Mrs. W. G. Moss, president, presented a beautiful mock wedding July 1. Participating were, Miss Lilian Dickerson, Mr. Agustin Thompson and Miss Mattie Richardson. Several visiting friends were present. The church was decorated by the following: Mr. Booker Dickerson, Mrs. Leonel Dodson and Miss Louise Anderson. Mr. Jacob King sang. This is only one of the many things the usher board has planned.

The entire church is busy getting ready for the revival which begins July 7, to be conducted by our National Evangelist, Rev. L. Peters. We are all looking forward to the convention and conference.

ECHOES OF THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST
Stuart, Virginia
Rev. E. E. Patterson, Pastor
North Tazewell

Mrs. Thelma E. Loggins, Reporter
Stuart, Va.

Sunday School for the Church of Christ of Stuart is held regularly each Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Mr. Cuttler Clark, Supt.; Miss Virginia Radcliffe, Secretary; Teachers: Miss Lois V. Ricker, Mrs. Grace Griffith, and Miss Rever Staples.

A Few Things To Do To Be Loyal To Your Church

In order for us to be true members of God's Church we must be loyal in every way to the church and to our fellowman. First, we should consider the rule of three, which are for the members of one's church as well as for the teachers of God's word.

1. Three things to be. True, Thoughtful, Thorough.
2. Things to govern. Time, Temper, Tongue.

If you are true you will always be kind and considerate to your fellow members of your church. If we are thoughtful, we'll always be at church when the doors are extended open. If we are thorough we will complete the task that's now before us. As for time, that is very valuable in the lives of Christian men and women. Controlling our temper means much in church meetings and business organizations. Governing our tongues is very important. The most of us talk too much. We who have a chance should educate our hands, heads, and hearts because in this unfriendly world it takes brains to get through. We should cultivate a friendly spirit in the church as well as outside.

A POEM TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST STUART, VA.
Our old building is down now
It takes all to make it rise
Let not the scoffs and scorns of some,
Bring tears to our eyes.

Let's up and away to our work of to-day,
Be proud of the work we have done
Let each do his part, direct from their heart
Then be proud of the race we have won.

WILLIAMSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH HAS SUCCESSFUL MONTH OF JUNE
Reportor, Cherridell Ellis
1595 East New York Ave.
Brooklyn, New York

We are proud to say that the month of June brought us splendid success. Our souls were lifted high and enough finance was raised to meet our present needs. We can gladly say that the quarterly union of the Disciples of Christ in New York and in New Jersey is making wonderful progress. The Union was held beginning Friday, June 27 to 29, at the Williamsburg Christian Church, located at Lee Avenue and Keys Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. Services were held at the usual hour and communion conducted by Rev. S. E. Tillman, State Evangelist. Sermons were preached by our pastor, Elder W. F. Keys. Nine-twenty dollars was raised. An inspiring message was brought to us by our Bible School President, Elder Walton.

We were privileged to hear several sermons by ten year old Master Darrell. On June 24, Brother B. J. Orr, Choir Director, gave a choir circle musical program. All members of the choir responded. We request the prayers of the brotherhood for our success.

FROM THE FOOT OF THE OZARKS
SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Elder R. F. Hayes, Pastor
Mrs. Josephine Hayes Lawson, Reporter
1111 Jones Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

No matter how discouraging present circumstances may be we know that the Kingdom of God with Jesus Christ as the chief cornerstone will ultimately triumph. That is the scriptural promise. With this fact in view, the Second Christian Church is most progressive. It simply dares not be contented with merely holding its own. It is perilous to mark time. It must grow for that is how we live.

The work is rapidly progressing under the capable leadership of its pastor, Rev. R. F. Hayes who has been in this great work twenty-five years. Every department has made its contribution to missions. Childrens Day was observed the Third Sunday of June under the leadership of Mrs. R. F. Hayes. On the Fourth Sunday, the young people carried on the program. Those participating were: Lois Cole, Alvin Taley, Marian Rutledge, King Cole, Jr., Geraldine Jones and others. There was an addition at this service of three visitors. Robert Rutledge was baptized this month.

Elder Tayes and Martin motored to Kerr, Arkansas on the Fourth Sunday where Elder Hayes filled his pulpit there. This work is progressing since its re-establishment. God needs our best for the carrying on of His work; but He can only use that which is freely and fully offered to Him.

PALESTINE, TEXAS REPORTS A THRIVING CHURCH
Rev. J. E. Quarels, Pastor
Mrs. R. E. Jackson, Reporter
608 Campbell Street
Palestine, Texas

To the many readers of the Christian Plea, the Fulton St. Christian Church is moving along in a very fine way. Rev. Quarels, our pastor has been with us since February, and in these five months the church has made more progress than in all of its history. The congregation and membership is growing as from one to three persons are added each Sunday. We are happy to have our pastor's wife with him and the church has been able to build on to the rear of the church living quarters for them. Thanks to the Lord, we are happy to say that this church is ready to accommodate the State Convention which will meet at this church, August 6-10, Come all to this Convention.

This church is very sorry to relate the passing of Brother Nelson Quarels, the brother of our pastor. Since Brother Nelson Quarels days on earth are ended, and the streets he will no longer trod, may his name be written in gold in the autograph of God.
Jubilee Delegates Face the “Crisis” With Christ

PLEA SECRETARY WINS TRIP TO CONVENTION

In one of the most enthusiastic and heated contests, Mrs. C. E. Rowan, Memphis, Tennessee, won over Miss M. R. Propps, Hawkins, Texas, and Mrs. R. H. Peoples, Indianapolis, Indiana. The combined effort of these women brought nearly two hundred subscribers to the Plea. They deserve the praise of the whole brotherhood and we now extend our sincere thanks to them and all of the contestants who so loyally supported the Plea.

DR. WILLARD M. WICKIZER
Executive Secretary, Division of Home Missions, Chairman of the Joint Executive Committee. Will attend the National Convention.

The National Convention is fortunate in having Dr. Wickizer as the chairman of the joint executive committee which has as its function the integrating of the work of the United Christian Missionary Society and the National Convention. Dr. Wickizer directs the work of our National Secretary, Rev. R. H. Peoples. He also directs the Evangelistic program for the U. C. M. S. in our churches and aids in their financial activities.

It is hoped that the colored brothers will present a program of helpfulness so that the U. C. M. S. and the National Convention will work in close harmony. He will be present at the Silver Jubilee Convention to aid in any way he can. He is directly responsible for a subsidy of $400.00 to the Christian Plea for which we are very grateful.

MRS. C. E. ROWAN
Memphis, Tennessee
Mrs. C. E. Rowan, a former teacher of Mississippi and Tennessee, is now employed as Transfer Clerk in the Auditing Department at the Home Office of Universal Life Insurance Company, Memphis, Tennessee. Mrs. Rowan attended Straight University, New Orleans, La. She is an active member of the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church, being Vice President of the Woman’s Missionary Society and Chairman of the Program Committee. She is also Secretary-Reporter for the Christian Plea. She is the second pianist of the church since its organization.

MRS. PRESTON TAYLOR
General chairman of the Silver Jubilee National Convention, Nashville, Tennessee.

HUNDREDS OF DELEGATES REGISTER

The local Jubilee National Convention committee have made ready for the delegates who will attend the Silver Jubilee Convention. New courage and hope has been evidenced by the cooperative spirit manifested in making preparations. The Gay Street Christian Church, under the leadership of Reverend Raymond Walton and the Alameda Avenue Christian Church under the dynamic leadership of Elder R. C. Maloy, have done all they could to help Elder L. H. Crawford and the Lea Avenue Christian Church entertain the large delegation.

The beautiful Tennessee State College is ready. Gay Street Church has been renovated. Alameda Avenue Church is spick and span and Lea Avenue has been redecorated. The choirs have joined in a great Hallelujah chorus and the Interdenominational Ministers Alliance have expressed a readiness to receive the delegates.
All of the leading businesses both Negro and white have expressed a willingness to cooperate in giving the best service possible to the delegates.

The Governor, Mayor and all local agencies have expressed in sincere terms their unstinting delight—that the convention is coming to Nashville.

It is true that this twenty-fifth year of our existence faces a crisis. We need to restudy our local church problem; our state and national problems and above all our personal problems in the light of the new issues emerging.

Dr. Robert M. Hopkins, President of the United Christian Missionary Society and Mrs. R. A. Doan, Vice-President of the same organization, will help us face the issues. Mr. Herbert Minard, Editor of the Front Rank, will guide the young people and many of our national characters will appear on the program.

Reverend R. Wesley Watson, President of the National Convention, will deliver his annual address, Tuesday evening, August 19th at Lea Avenue Christian Church. It is hoped that all delegates will arrive early so that we can meet the crisis with a United Christian force.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
by E. J. Jennings
Delivered at the Church School Convention
July 19, 1941

“AMERICAN WORLD”

It was the will of God through Christ that the world became a world of mission. It was the will of Christ that through the disciples the Gospel would be preached to the utmost parts of the earth. It should be our will as Christians, that whatsoever the program of Christ was, we should make it ours also.

At one time there arose a confusion between the Jews and Gentiles. The Jewish Christians considered the Gentiles as being unclean, impure, and common. But then Peter saw the vision in which the Spirit of God made known to him that God is no respecter of person, that in every nation he that feareth Him and worketh righteously is acceptable in His sight.

How much more willing should we be to preach the Gospel, not only in our homelands, but in the uttermost parts of the earth? A mission world should mean a Christian world. If the world will become a mission world, we must lift high the One who said, “If I be lifted up, I’ll draw all men unto me.”

Paul’s conversion was an open door to a world of mission from which time he rendered a life of service. So much so, that at the sunset of his life, he could truthfully say, “I have fought a good fight, I’ve finished the course, I’ve kept the faith.”

We read of this great hero at another time when in a vision the Macedonians call was heard saying, “Come over and help us.” Paul and his companions did not tarry, but straightway made their journey into Macedonia, where they tarried certain days.

If we could only look out into the world today and see the Christ who gave His life for those who shed their precious blood, who captured the hearts of men with His preaching, and who rose from the watery grave of Baptism to walk in the newness of life; we could sing the beautiful song: “You have heard the joyful sound,—Jesus saves, Jesus saves. Spread the tiding all around,—Jesus saves, Jesus saves.”

Christian Friends, Isaiah, no doubt, desired to see a mission world when he heard the voice saying, “Whom shall we send, who will go for us?” Isaiah said quickly, “Here am I, send me.”

Although we cannot sing like angels, we cannot preach like Paul, we can tell the love of Jesus, we can say He died for all. If the world would become mission conscious, we who are Christians must be willing to give all for the spreading of the Gospel, that the kingdom of God might be erected on earth as in heaven. We must sing the same songs, pray the same prayers, so that we might be one, even as God and Christ are one. We must be able and willing to join hands and march forward to the beautiful gates of Zion.

Jacob Kinsky, who gave his life for dark Africa, was able to say at the close of his life, “I gave my life for Thee, ’twas all that I can.” In the midst of wars, rumors of wars, confusions, trials and tribulations, let us pray to God who is the author and finish of all men’s faith. Let us march toward the mark and the goal of the higher calling, which is in God and Christ.

SUBSCRIBE TO THE CHRISTIAN PLEA
CAFETERIA BUILDING
Mrs. Ruth D. Eppse, Secretary

SERMON
by
Miss Marguerite Jackson
State Missionary Meeting
Calhoun, Ala.

“GOD IS LOVE” I John 4:8

Only three words: “GOD IS LOVE.” I believe that more than a hundred thousand people would be converted in any great city in a day if they believed that sentence—believe at, that’s all.

I want to ask you a question: take it into your mind, and don’t sleep until you have answered it satisfactorily to yourself. It is this: “What more would you ask God to do to show that He loves this world than He has already done? He puts the question Himself: ‘What more could I do for My vineyard than I have done?’

He sent the holiest of men and the world drove them into dens and caves. They were tied to the stake and burned. He sent His own son and they put Him into the grave. But God took Him out of the grave, but God took Him out of the grave, put Him on the throne, and raised Him for our justification. Even then He was not satisfied. He sent the Holy Ghost, and He is here today. “What more could I do?”, God asks us. “Would you ask me to send Christ down to earth again, to suffer and die?”

If Christ should come again, and should go to Golgotha and suffer the agonies of Calvary, would it make more clear the fact that God loves you? Would that satisfy you? Remember, this is for you. He has been trying to show that He loves this world, and He wants you to believe it.

Now, the trouble is that we are always measuring God with our little short rule. We are trying to compare God’s love with human love. There is the mistake we make God’s love cannot to be measured. “It passeth knowledge.” We love people as long as they are worthy of our love, and when they are not, away they go.

How many men have cast their wives off, because of some petty disagreement? Our love is not worth much; it is skin deep. We love when everything is running smoothly, but when adversities come, our love goes.

God’s love is unchangeable. He loves on and on. There is not a man or woman anywhere whom He has not loved. There is a passage—John 3:1 —which reads: “Having loved his own which were in the world, He loved them unto the end.” Do you know when that was said? That was said the night that Judas went out and betrayed Him and sold Him for thirty pieces of silver. And when Christ uttered those words, He knew that He (Continued on Page 8)
MRS. CALLIE HAYNES
Nashville, Tenn.

GOOD FORTUNE BEFALLS MRS. HAYNES

Mrs. Callie Haynes, a faithful member of the Lea Avenue Christian Church, Nashville, Tennessee, was recently rewarded for her 17 years of untiring and loyal services rendered to Mrs. Carrie L. Herman, who bequested her with $10,000 in her will. During her years with Mrs. Herman, Mrs. Haynes was not regarded as a maid or a servant but was the constant companion and guide to be engaged in handling many things not entrusted to relatives and business associates of Mrs. Herman. The members of Lea Avenue and her many friends of the city rejoice with Mrs. Haynes in this well-deserved good fortune.

As a summer project and to do a bit of service to the brotherhood, Mr. William K. Fox, was recently sent to Mayfield, Kentucky to take over the work in the church there which has been vacant for some time. We wish for him much success in this endeavor.

During the summer convocation at Iowa University word was received by Miss Oseola A. Dawson, who is studying there this summer that Miss Lulu Merle Johnson received her Doctor of Philosophy Degree in the History department. Miss Johnson, upon receiving her Master’s Degree in 1930 became assistant professor of history at Talladega college, Talladega, Ala. She is now engaged in teaching at Tougaloo College in Mississippi.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SILVER JUBILEE CONVENTION

The Educational Features of the Silver Jubilee Convention are the High-Lights of the Convention. I have heard from a good many men, women, and young people across the brotherhood, all saying that they plan to attend the “Jubilee Convention” and that they are planning to attend every session of one of the educational conferences.

These conferences will provide help for every group that is active in the local church.

The church board members conference. All members of church boards, ministers, elders, deacons, women and heads of departments who are members of the church board.

The following questions along with others will be discussed: 1. What is the work of the church board? 2. Who should be members? 3. What are the qualifications of board members? 4. Should church board members be elected to serve a definite term? How long?

Prof. J. E. Bean will serve as chairman of this conference and Mrs. John A. Towns will serve as secretary.

Religious Education Conference. All superintendents, teachers, ministers, and others interested in the educational program of the church. This group will set itself to the task of working out a manual on religious education. They are not planning to complete the annual this year, but they will determine in outline what main points will be treated and what resources will be included. This is to be a history making event. Rev. R. L. Jordan will serve as chairman of the conference and Mrs. Edith Wilson Bristow will serve as secretary.

LATE ELDER PRESTON TAYLOR
Founder and first President of the National Convention.

MRS. H. B. MARX

Mrs. H. B. Marx is executive secretary of Missionary Organizations of The United Christian Missionary Society of Disciples of Christ. She is one of the prominent speakers of the Silver Jubilee Convention, August 19-25.

Youth Sessions. For all young people attending the National Convention and the leaders of young people. The young people’s meeting this year is to be both educational and inspirational. Under the leadership of Rev. W. O. Gill, who will lecture to them each morning, Rev. John B. Eubanks, who will summarize the discussion and direct the worship experience each morning, Miss Marian Anderson, former co-president of the C. Y. F. will be the director of the entire program.

Following the lectures each morning the group will be divided into three sections. The co-presidents Miss Evelyn Dunn of St. Louis, Mo., and Mr. Foster Craggett of Cleveland, will have charge of one section each, and Miss Alberta Calloway of Louisville will have charge of the other.

Missionary Education Conference. All leaders of missionary groups in the local church, ministers and any others interested in the missionary education program of the church. Mrs. J. Kirkpatrick, president, and Mrs. Orene Cole, secretary. Theme for the week, “Christian Women Face the Crisis.” Wednesday, Mrs. S. P. Walker, presiding. Thursday, Mrs. A. M. Haygood, presiding. Friday, Miss Helen Henry, presiding. Saturday, “Christian Women and Stewardship.”

No matter what group you work with in the local church you can find something to help you solve your problems in one of these conferences.

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—1 John, 1-7

NOTICE!
ALL NEWS MUST BE IN BY SEVENTH OF EACH MONTH

One of Our Most Serious Problems
F. J. D. McKinney

One of the Negroes' most serious problems is that of finding employment. There is no wonder then, that the exclusion of the Negro from the National Defense program is of great concern to him.

It is evident that in many industries Negroes have not only made few advances, as far as employment is concerned, but have definitely lost ground. One method of measuring this is to see what is happening to Negro youth.

In this connection, we find the study carried on at Du Sable High School in Chicago, Ill., very helpful. Some 365 Du Sable graduates were studied. The returns which were obtained through a questionnaire are startling for they represent the adjustments Negro youth is making in order to meet the present economic situation. Here are some of the results: 43 per cent of the girls and 25 per cent of the boys stated that they had had no employment since graduation. About one-half of the boys and two-fifths of the girls stated that they were continuing their training. Only 2 per cent of the boys were in any sort of school.

The Department of Labor made a study of the income level of families in Chicago a year ago and found that 25 per cent of the Negro families had an annual income of $750 or less than 90 per cent of the Negro families earned $2,000 or less, annually. White families earned $2,000 annually and constituted only 11 per cent of their total number.

One cannot put too much emphasis upon the few figures that have just been given. If we are to interpret these figures in terms of our own experience these figures must indicate what we already know—that the Negro is losing ground in the competitive struggle for jobs and that high school training does not insure Negro youth of the opportunity of securing white collar jobs and positions of skill and responsibility is a fact.

Our youths are not being absorbed into private employment at the same rate and to the same extent that they are being given high school training. Finally it is evident that with work in white collar positions demanding them Negro youth must get more training in trade schools in order that they will be in a position to force their acceptance in these fields first.

HIGHLIGHTS OF CONVENTION
(Continued from Page 3)

My Dear Brother Cowan:
I carefully and prayerfully read and reread your article in the July issue of the Christian Plea on page four. I can scarcely express to you in writing how grateful I am to you for having the courage to write such a timely message to the Brotherhood.
I pray God's blessing upon you for your thought and may He surround you ever with his choicest gifts.
Your friend,
W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP
FOR THE
SILVER JUBILEE NATIONAL CONVENTION
TO BE HELD AT
TENNESSEE STATE COLLEGE
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE
AUGUST 19-24, 1941

Tuesday, August 19, 1941
5:30 Dinner meeting.

Wednesday, August 20, 1941
8:30 Lecture.
9:00 Discussion.
10:00 Report of findings and general discussion.
10:20 Summary of discussion and directed worship.
10:50 Adjourn to General Convention Assembly.
5:30 Dinner meeting.

Thursday, August 21, 1941
8:30—
10:50 Schedule same as Wednesday morning.
5:45 Christian Youth Fellowship Banquet (for the entire convention). Mr. Herbert L. Minard, editor of Front Rank, speaker.

Friday, August 22, 1941
8:30—
10:50 Schedule same as on Wednesday.
12:30 Luncheon meeting.
Election of officers.

OFFICERS
Co-Presidents: Foster Craggett, Evelyn Dunn.
Secretary: Elizabeth McGill
Assistant Secretary: Edwin Barrett
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NOTICE
The pulpit of Clay Street Christian Church, Paducah, Kentucky, formerly occupied by Rev. J. O. Bowles, is now vacant. Recommendations for this position should be sent to R. L. Boyd, 1142 N. 14 St., Paducah, Kentucky.
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Efficient Christian Plea Secretary, Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas.
ACTIVITIES OF THE BROTHERHOOD

On May 18th, the gowns presented to the church choir by Brother Richard Mitchell, were dedicated by Elder F. T. Barnett at the morning worship service. The sermon, "Perfection" preceding the dedicatory service, was very appropriate for the occasion. Elder Barnett emphasized the fact that, "in whatever field of service God has called us, He requires us, as His servants, to be perfect therein." On May 25th, the choir fulfilled a long-planned engagement when it sang for the Warren Church. At this service the Lord added five to His church by primary obedience, four to the Youngstown church and one to the Warren Church.

On June 1st, the choir had a happy time when it sang for two churches in Cleveland,—the Cedar Avenue Church, and the 83rd St. Church.

The proceeds from the June rally were to send delegates to the State and National conventions and for the Building Fund.

Dr. R. L. Peters, Winston-Salem, N. C., National Evangelist, Disciples of Christ of America.

EVANGELISM

VIRGINIA — WEST VIRGINIA — NORTH CAROLINA

Tri-State Echoes

R. L. Peters, Reporter
614 Hickory St.
Winston-Salem, N. C.

The following churches in the Tri-State Area are making splendid progress:

Parksgrove Christian Church, Wilkes County, N. C., J. W. Mack, Minister.
First Christian Church, Walnut Cove, N. C., C. M. Robinson, Minister.
First Christian Church, Concord, N. C., P. K. Alexander, Minister.
Philippi Christian Church, Cuckoo, Virginia, I. Long, Minister.
Center Tabernacle Christian Church, Greensboro, N. C., E. D. Holt, Minister.
Congregational Christian Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., E. A. Douglas, Minister.
Spencer Memorial Christian Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., R. L. Peters, Minister.
First Christian Church, Stuart, Va., Eugene Patterson, Minister.
Midway Christian Church, Tazewell, Va., Eugene Patterson, Minister.
The Tri-State Christian Convention will meet at Greensboro, N. C., August 6-10, 1941.

Column of Evangelism

We have those who claim to be Christians that take orders from men and not from God's Word, not considering the right, or how much it might hurt the church. They put on a freezing campaign led by those who live ungodly lives and live every day for the devil. Their fruits are ever before the public, yet they become the most popular members of the
AVALON CHRISTIAN CHURCH
4272 South Avalon Blvd.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Avalon Christian Church expressed much interest in the meeting of the Southern California Convention of the Disciples of Christ and Christian Churches held July 28-August 3 in long Beach, Calif. Rev. and Mrs. Duke spent the entire week at the convention and many of the members from Avalon attended special session. Rev. Duke was re-elected to the Spiritual Life Commission of the Convention, and made a member of the Board of Christian Education for Southern California.

Avalon Church received praise for its splendid community service program from the many visitors and national figures who were able to visit them during the convention. Faith McCrackin, Missionary to Africa; Florence Carmichael, specialist in children's work for the U. C. M. S.; Dr. James Crane, executive secretary of the Department of Social Action in the national office; and Dr. John H. Booth, executive secretary of the Board of Church Extension were among those who visited the church.

The Annual Daily Vacation Church School has just concluded an instructive three-weeks session. Over 300 were registered in this school and received instructions in Bible, music, handicrafts, and each child served a hot meal at noon during the entire three-weeks period. The objective for the school was service to others and to the church. Three departments made up the school,—primary, intermediate and high school. Special certificates were made to the students who made at least one article of handicraft.

Prominent pastor of Avalon Christian Church, Los Angeles, California, who will attend the National Convention and be accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Zelma Watson-Duke.

The Vacation School had its closing exercises, July 27th. Special music was rendered by several choral groups trained by Mrs. Duke. Skits and individual talent made up the rest of the program. The school also had a place on the State Convention program and a booth where their handicrafts were exhibited.

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NORWOOD AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Elder E. W. Wilbert
Arthur D. Gaskins, Reporter
617 Clifton Dr., Dayton, Ohio

The pastor, Rev. Wilbert and two bus loads of members and choir visited the Kentucky State Convention, July 24-27.

The Sisterhood, led by Mrs. Rose Williams reported $100.00 to the church, and the Usher Board, under the direction of C. J. Jarman and Mrs. Lula Jackson presented the church with $40.00.

The Young Adults had a delightful picnic, Sunday, July 20 and counted tax stamps. Money was raised to send delegates to the State Convention by giving an outdoor circus, sponsored by Miss Margaret Lee.

The death of Mrs. Emma Butler, advisor for the Christian Endeavor and a member of The Sisterhood, caused great sorrow among the church membership. She was formerly president of the Usher Board, the members of which presented many flowers at her funeral.

The pastor's family has returned from St. Louis, after spending an enjoyable month there with relatives.

The week of July 27 is Ohio State Convention Week, which is being held in Springfield, and which is attended by many visitors and friends.

Brother and Sister B. H. Johnson are making plans to again sponsor the State rally in the interest of the building fund.

Useful People in the Church
Elder Henry Frances, Chairman of the Official Board. Elder France is a
source of inspiration to all the members of Norwood Avenue Christian Church. He is active in all departments. The Sunday School, The Christian Endeavor, and the Young Adults, owe much of their success to him.


WINNER of NASHVILLE CONTEST

Mrs. Lula Butler, the winner of the "Nashville Contest" conducted by the Young Adults. The amount raised was $223.78, of which Mrs. Butler raised $80.00. Mrs. Butler is secretary of the Ladies Missionary Society, a member of the Ladies Aid, a member of the senior choir and former advisor of the Christian Endeavor.

SECOND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED FOR PASTOR MONROE AVENUE CHURCH

by

Mrs. Hannah Barnett, Columbus, Ohio

In the above picture, Elder C. W. Arnold is making his acceptance speech at the Annual Pastor's Second Anniversary. In attendance at the banquet were more than 150 members and friends of the church, including representatives of the Franklin County Board and other Sister churches of Christ.

During the two years of pastorate, more than 52 persons have been taken into the church. During the past year $2400.00 has been raised. Rev. Arnold is respected and commended by white and colored citizens alike for the splendid work done during the past two years. Recently Rev. Arnold was named as delegate to the National Convention of the Frontier of America which met in Akron, Ohio.

Seated on the left in the picture is the wife of Mr. Arnold and to the right is master of ceremonies, pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church, who spoke on the subject, "The Negro Minister."

DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MARKS A HIGHLIGHT AT MISSISSIPPI BOULEVARD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Elder Blair T. Hunt, Pastor

Mrs. C. E. Rowan, Reporter, 625 Mississippi Ave., Memphis, Tenn.

The Sunday School, Christian Endeavor and Church each sent a delegate to the Youth's Conference held in Little Rock, Ark., at the Cross Street Christian Church, in May. Each delegate came back with splendid reports.

In the report of Miss Betty Ann Evans was presented the idea of a Daily Vacation Bible School. All departments of the church accepted the proposal and from July 17th there was started a great movement for the Christian character building of the Community youth. The School lasted two weeks. Seventy-five youth ranging in age from four to twenty enrolled. The teachers were: Prof. and Mrs. I. A. Gentry and Miss Catherine Evans; the pianist, Miss Floye Weathers. The little ones enjoyed learning handicraft and the religious education; after which they were served ice-cream and cake.

Sunday night a musical program was presented and the youth were presented their certificates by the pastor, Elder Blair T. Hunt. After the program all gathered in the Assembly Room downstairs and viewed the exhibits.

Mrs. Mildred Riley, President of the Unified Youth Group had much to do with making the Daily Vacation Bible School a success.

The Woman's Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. J. R. Holmes, 902 Saxon Avenue. Wednesday night, July 16th, with Mrs. C. E. Paty of the McLemore Avenue Christian Church, as guest speaker. Many interesting facts were presented. The hostess served a refreshing repast.

On Sunday, July 27th, ordination services were held. Brothers Chester Cade and Albert Brown were ordained as deacons by the Pastor, Elder Blair T. Hunt.

SERMON

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would be betrayed. Yet, "He loved them unto the end." That was the night when Peter was going to curse and swear that he never knew Him, and yet He loved Peter.

Why does He love? I cannot tell why He set His love on such a race of sinners as we are. You might as well ask me why the sun shines. I suppose it can't help doing it. It is its nature to shine, and it is God's nature to love.
Make up your mind to the fact that “God is Love.” His love never fails. That is the love that will bring this old world back. Tell the world that God’s love is unchangeable and unfailing.

DR. J. E. WALKER, M. D.

Nashville, Tenn.—Dr. J. E. Walker, of Memphis, Tennessee is the President of the Universal Life Insurance Company, Memphis, Tennessee; President of the National Negro Business League of America and the Treasurer of the National Convention of the Disciples of Christ of America. He is regarded as one of the leading Christian business men of the colored race. It is through his vigorous efforts that all of his enterprises are thriving and successful. The Brotherhood is glad to have him to share his experience with them.

ELDER C. I. FRANKLIN

One of the old pillars of the Christian Church. Port Gibson, Mississippi.


East Second Street Christian Church, 148 East Second Street; Pastor, Elder C. H. Dickerson, Lexington, Kentucky.

REV. C. H. DICKERSON, REPORTER

340 Ohio Street
Lexington, Kentucky

KENTUCKY STATE CONVENTION

HAS LARGE ATTENDANCE

Rev. C. H. Dickerson, reporter
340 Ohio Street
Lexington, Kentucky

The Kentucky State Convention which just closed at Carlisle had a large attendance, and proved of service to all. Several promising young preachers and workers attended. Prof. Peoples and group, assisted by Professors Gill and Bean conducted morning institutes. Officers for ensuing year are: L. L. Dickerson, the President of Convention; Mrs. Eilla Mae Brown, President of Woman's
work; H. D. Griffin, State Evangelist; Mrs. Edith Wilson Bristow, President of the Bible School. The convention will convene in Winchester next year. All are talking of the National Convention in Nashville.

C. H. HAYGOOD
Birmingham, Alabama
National President of the Christian Endeavor.

MRS. W. MARTIN-PRINCE
Active Christian Worker, Lea Avenue Christian Church, Nashville, Tennessee.

MR. GAMBY
Eminent musician who will play at the National Convention, from Cleveland, Ohio.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Clarksdale, Miss.
Rev. Edward Griffin, Reporter
Box 78, Alligator, Miss.

The Sunday School and C. E. Convention was held at the First Christian Church in Hermanville, Mississippi, July 14-20. The theme of the convention was “World Mission.” Attendance and finance were well balanced.

President E. J. Jennings presented one of the most inspiring addresses in the history of the Convention.

The following persons were elected to serve during the coming year: E. J. Jennings, President; L. J. Paige, Secretary; O. B. Barnes, Treasurer; Mrs. Ruth Powell Jackson, President of the Christian Endeavor; Abe Elmore, Secretary; Mrs. L. B. Foster, Field Secretary; Esau Wilson, Treasurer.

Delegates from the Clarksdale Church included C. A. Watts, Velma Scott, Alma Rucker, and Elder Edward Griffin. Elijah Conwell, Howard McCarty, and John Jordan, were delegates from the church at Mound Bayou.

CLARK STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Elder F. C. Carey
Mr. N. T. Fudgen, Reporter
Box 670, Greenville, Texas

Elder Carey has been chosen to serve another year, and has such plans for the church that require the cooperation of each member for success. The motto is “The whole church at the whole task, each doing his duty.” The auxiliaries are doing good work under their leaders, and are looking forward to the State Convention.

Attendance in all departments has been good. There have been three additions for the month of July. Elder Masters, Pastor of Central Christian Church (white), delivered a parting message before leaving for Fort Worth.
Second Christian Church
by Mrs. Gladys M. Holt
2339-10 St., Rockford, Ill.

A financial drive sponsored by the three major clubs of the church came to a very successful ending on July 13th. The drive realized $100.00. The Helping Hand Club led by Mrs. P. L. Holt came out "on top;" Mrs. Shell's State Club second; and the Willing Workers Club led by Mr. L. C. Carey was third.

The annual Sunday School picnic was held Sunday, July 20th in Rock Cut Forest Reserves. Many visitors from Chicago attended. Mrs. Heath is superintendent of the school. The Willing Workers Club will have their annual "Basket Meeting" Sunday August 3rd. The basket dinner will be followed by a program and rally. Miss Gladys Holt is program chairman. Proceeds from the rally will go on the pastor's salary. Mrs. A. L. Martin of Chicago was a recent visitor to the church.

Future Activities
A quilt contest is being planned by the Helping Hand Club; it is to be held the first week in September.

Rev. C. W. Arnold is planning to return to his first charge to hold a revival in October.

The Second Christian Church of Rockford will be represented at the National Convention in Nashville, Tennessee. August 19-25.

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The Birch Street Christian Church is carrying on in spite of summer days and vacations. Attendance has fallen off, but the spiritual fervor and interest remains high. Financial reports are good.

On the second Sunday evening in July, a splendid program was rendered by the choir under the direction of Mrs. Geraldine Lewis. Mrs. Lewis was pleased with the large attendance and the work of the choir.

On the third Sunday, the ladies of the Missionary Society conducted a most impressive installation ceremony called “The Lighted Candle.” Much enthusiasm is expressed over the new church location which will take place in late September. The State Convention convened July 28—August 3 at Long Beach, California.

A check for one hundred dollars has been sent to S. C. I. as a gift from the club, in the interest of the Boys’ Dormitory.

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Miss Anita Alexander of St. Louis, Missouri, is house guest of Mrs. Lesly Clark.

WILLIAMSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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1595 E. New York Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.

Williamsburg Christian Church is progressing under the able leadership of its pastor Elder W. F. Keyes. We were proud to celebrate his sixth anniversaries July 6. He has been dutiful, with a heart full of love and encouragement for all, and we are praying that we may celebrate many more anniversaries with him.

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First Delegate

Mrs. Rosa Wicks

Mrs. Rosa Wicks, a popular disciple of Washington, D.C., was the first delegate to arrive. Saturday afternoon she was found in the office of the Christian Plea and was the first one to register at Tennessee State College.

During her stay here she became a great worker for the Jubilee Convention by distributing the Souvenir Programs and the Preston Taylor badges. Mrs. Wicks proved to be a great worker and indicated her interest in the Christian Plea on the Atlantic coast.

Editor Speaks

Sunday, September 14th, the Editor spoke at the Kenyon Ave. Christian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio. There was a large gathering at the church. He used as his subject the first verse of the First Psalm. Elder and Mrs. S. C. Divine were very courteous and interested in the work they are doing. The Editor's party were guests of Dr. George W. Phillips while in the city.

National Christian Missionary Convention of Disciples of Christ Hold Silver Jubilee Session

Theme—Facing the Crisis with Christ

The twenty-fifth session of the Negro Disciples of Christ was held at Nashville, Tennessee, August 19-25. The night sessions were held at the historic Lea Avenue Christian Church and the day sessions were held at Tennessee State College, where the three hundred delegates were housed and fed. Hundreds of friends from out of town and local swelled the number to well over a thousand.

Pre-Convention Sessions

Thirty women met under the direction of Miss Carnella Jamison, Missionary Organization worker of the United Christian Missionary Society, from August 18 through the 19. These women studied the woman's part in the church program which included the instruction materials of the Missionary Education Department, children's work, youth meets and stewardship. The messages of Mrs. H. B. Marx, Executive Secretary and Mrs. R. A. Doan were well received.

Church Department

As the National Convention 'swung into action' the minister's breakfast conference started. It was held at seven o'clock each morning. The ministers were instructed by Dr. C. L. Longman of the Christian Board of Publication, of St. Louis, Mo.; Rev. R. H. Peoples, National Negro Secretary; Rev. Herbert Minard of St. Louis; and many of the ministers of the Negro brotherhood.

Women's Department

The Women's Christian Missionary Convention was the best represented of all. Mrs. Johnie Kirkpatrick, Louisville, Kentucky, is President and Mrs. Orene Cole, Little Rock, Arkansas, is Recording Secretary. They carried out their usual program and in addition presented Mrs. H. B. Marx, as their principal speaker. The theme of her speech was "the Christian Mission Enterprise," which carried out the Bible story of "after they had

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Who Will Support the Christian Plea

To Be a Bigger and Better Paper

We need 100 people who will pay $5.00 each.

We have the following now:
1. Mrs. Preston Taylor $5.00
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3. Dr. J. E. Walker 5.00
4. Rev. R. H. Davis 5.00
5. Rev. C. W. Arnold 5.00
6. Mrs. Rosa Wicks 5.00

Let's get our hundred before Xmas.

Preston Taylor Oil Painting Presented to S.C.I.

Saturday, September 13, Mrs. Preston Taylor accompanied by Mrs. Callie Haynes and Mildred Powell motored to the Dedicatory Exercises of the new boys dormitory at Southern Christian Institute. The Late Preston Taylor gave $2,500 to this building and Mrs. Taylor, presented a beautiful oil painting of him.

Mrs. Taylor was highly elated over the lovely building for the boys.
DISCIPLES HOLD JUBILEE CONVENTION
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prayed and fasted-they sent them forth." The division of Races, class, and 'culture' can only be united by Christ. Further, she related the story portrayed in a book entitled "Through Tragedy to Triumph." "It was the expression of the life of Jesus as he manifested His Spirit of love through sacrifice. The Spirit of God is active and so is real. It is only the church, which is missionary, that is Christian. We can only build a better world by emulating His life by fasting, sacrificing and rendering service. The Christianization of people correlates the work of the mission work. It is necessary to have concentration within one's own life for Missions to grow. We have to change our personal lives or do away with Christian Missions," declared Mrs. Marx.

"The totalitarian state rejects the principles of Christ. It must be rejected for labor and good. The acquisitive economic order must be supplanted with Brotherhood and cooperation. Our Frontiers, are countries like China, Africa and Japan. The Missionary must reconstruct the social and economic order. Politics are in our hands. This is our time, we have no other. We must, after having prayed and fasted, go forth to serve."

Bible School
The Bible School's report showed that they number 104, with an enrollment of 2,473 members. The largest school was the Avalon Christian Church, Los Angeles, California, with an enrollment of 186 members. The Bible School National President, Elder Raymond Walton, made a tour through the Mid-west and Eastern states. Over 100 young people attended Young Peoples' Conferences.

Christian Endeavor
The Christian Endeavor work was presented by Mr. C. H. Haygood, the President. In his annual message he stressed the growing need of more trained leadership with young people. Mr. Cleo Blackburn, Director of Plan- ner House, Indianapolis, Indiana, spoke on the topic "Youth Facing the Present Crisis." He pointed out that the rapidly changing social order left young people in a dilemma. They were confused and disillusioned. It is only the teaching of the principles of Christian Brotherhood that will give them a sense of direction and confidence in the future. Rev. Her- bert L. Minard, Editor of the Front Rank, spoke on "The United Christian Movement." He stressed the fact that the discord and contentions in the world was due to youth not having a charter of unification to direct them. It was only possible through Christian teaching that all youth of all races would unite to build a better world.

Christian Youth Fellowship
Sixty youth of high school and college level met at the same time of the National Convention. Dr. J. E. Walker, Treasurer. 2 SEPTEMBER, 1941

Mrs. Lula Butler was the winner of the trip to the National Convention which was earned through a contest sponsored by the various organizations of the Norwood Avenue Christian Church. Mrs. Butler is secretary of the Ladies Missionary Society, a member of the Ladies Aid, member of the senior choir and former adviser of the Christian Endeavor.

Reverend W. O. Gill
Rev. W. O. Gill, who has a Bachelor's Degree from Talladega College, in Alabama and who has just completed his Theological work at Howard University has now gone to Jarvis Christian College where he is to head the Religious Training. Rev. Gill attend- ed the International Convention in St. Louis, in May and was a prominent figure during the National Jubilee Convention in Nashville, August 19-25.
REFLECTIONS FROM THE JUBILEE CONVENTION
R. H. DAVIS

The National Convention of the Churches of Christ in America completed a significant epoch in its twenty-five years history August 24, 1941. In many ways it was the most interesting and revealing of all our annual convocations. Many interesting persons projected their personalities and thought-provoking ideas into the various addresses and discussions of the sessions.

President Watson presided with unusual skill and pleasing dignity. Professor Epstein demonstrated in every aspect of the program his genius as a master strategist. Mrs. H. B. Marx thrilled her audiences with her impressiveness and Christ-like disposition. She captivated her appreciative listeners whenever she spoke with the salt and spice that so illumines Missions and the ability to express it effectively. Mrs. H. L. Herod radiated wholesome enthusiasm, optimism and inspiration through her contagious spirit of good will and spontaneous cooperation. Mrs. Preston Taylor whose untiring labor aided in the successful execution of the convention plans reminded the great delegation of the healthy progress of our National Convention.

A few imperative needs for the enlargement and success of the National Convention for the next decade were clearly revealed to the writer at our last historic meeting. We should put forth earnest effort to raise our budget this year. We ought to enlarge it each year. The Christian Plea should be supported exclusively by our Negro constituency. One hundred ambitious ministers, laymen and women ought to give five dollars for the Support of our National organ. Our churches need better prepared and more sincere ministers in all of our urban centers. We need specially prepared men to save our small congregations in rural communities from complete disintegration.

We need to remember that the agency which supplies the money and men to meet the above needs will control the policies of the National Convention.

"A REVIEW—BROTHER OLD TIMER AND BROTHER NEW COMER"

Bro. New Comer: "Bro. Old Timer," they tell me that you were in the First National Convention, what did you and the Fathers hope to accomplish by the organization of a National Convention?

Bro. Old Timer: Bro. New Comer, I was present at the First National Convention, and it was a very significant meeting, a meeting in which we had many men and women of visions, who thought not of themselves but of the church and of the many young people who were to come. We had a great many aims to accomplish and among them was to first of all count ourselves, to know the men and the women of this Brotherhood and to develop a leadership that would enable us to occupy our place in the sun and to make a contribution for preaching the Gospel into all the world. And it does my old heart good to see so many new faces here at this time. And think we have been successful in having a meeting each year, but we still feel that we must have a Bible College manned and controlled by our group, others of our race have it and why not we? I hope that I have made that clear to you.

Bro. New Comer: Bro. Old Timer, I appreciate what the Fathers had in mind but why not get out of the question for us to think of a college, we just cannot do it. Therefore, let us forget it for we have two now and they can care for all of our group.

Bro. Old Tim: I want to thank you for being so frank, Bro. New Comer, but I am still of the mind of the Fathers, I appreciate all that the two Colleges we have, have done and will do, but do you know that we at one time had a school in Tennessee, Jonesboro; one in Alabama, and one in Louisville, Ky., one in Martinsville, Va., and I know of one in another place. Now I think that he ought to do it and why not we? I hope that I have made that clear to you.

Bro. New Comer: Bro. Old Timer, I thought the president did well but I thought he held up his argument, for instance we have the two Colleges we have, we cannot do it but you had faith and by your argument, "We cannot do it," I am sure Bro. New Comer, when you started to college that old argument was told you that you could not do it but you had faith and by your faith you made it, in a like manner, I think that we too must have faith and by our faith we too can do it.

When we get in earnest, God will meet us down the road as he has always met men when men have proved to be worthy. Listen Bro. New Comer, only a few more years and I must go home but it would do my soul good to know that we do have some things started in the direction of a Bible College for more training of our young men and men who will not be able to remain in College for any great length of time but who are still apt to teach, preach and build churches.

Bro. New Comer: Bro. Old Timer, I really think you do have some food for thought there and will think over it more prayerfully before I commit myself as to being against it. But tell me what you think of the caliber of men at the head of the work?

Bro. Old Timer: Bro. New Comer, I think that the men we have at the head of the work mean well and with a continued cooperation we will get somewhere. I rather liked the way the President presided, he was gentle and then he showed he could be otherwise if needed but he seemingly preferred to be gentle and I rather liked his spirit. How did you like everything and the workers?

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EDITORIAL

Dear Friend and Brother:

Greetings! This is just a few lines expressing my gratitude to you for your kind and generous hospitality while in your city. I would like to let you know sincerely that you made great strides in entertaining the convention. Everything was lovely, and as a delegate, and State representative, I extend my best wishes to you, and all that took part in making things so comfortable, and pleasant for us.

I am prayerful of the time, when our brotherhood will recognize the ability of those who are living, and will in return give them their hearty support, and just praise. As I observed the convention as a whole, I felt that our brethren were going too far in the memories of one that has passed from our ranks, and were going equally as far in the other extreme of persecuting their brethren who yet remain to carry on.

These last words are not complaint, but deep convictions of my own heart. As editor of the Christian Plea; I would that you would call this to their attention in your next editorial. Jesus did not ask us to be concerned about the past, or the future, but He said: Matt. 6:34—Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. If there is a crisis, it exist today, and we should be concerned about the men who are facing it with their lives, in the services of Jesus Christ, and our brotherhood.

May these few lines my brother, find their place on the portals of our brethrens hearts. My prayers for your success are, "That God will bountiful bless and keep you until we meet again." Amen.

In Jesus Name,

W. H. Brown, Minister
1416 W. 11th St.
Topeka, Kan.

SIDELIGHTS ON THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.

The great reception given by Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Hall was a fitting climax to the many sided happy experiences of the National Convention at A., and State College, Nashville, Tenn. That was a wonderful place with wonderful people.

O. H. Jackson, 310 Ohio St., Lexington, Ky.

I think, the Nashville Convention was about the most even tempered national convention I have attended, and I think that this was due to large measure to the fact that the delegates were supplied with good beds and good food. People are just naturally more agreeable and easier to get along with if they sleep well, eat well, and are not uncomfortably hot. I am sure you made an excellent move when you arranged for the convention to be entertained at the college.

Willard M. Wickizer, 220 Downey Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.

As a whole, the convention was a great success with some minor criticisms. I was interested in—the great layman's movement from a national standpoint. This would be a great help if set up properly.

Rev. A. O. Nelson, 1881 East 24th St., Kansas City, Mo.


EDITOR'S MOTHER PASSES

Mrs. Henrietta Revels Eppse, seventy-two year old mother of ten children, niece of first Negro Senator, Hiram R. Revels, passed at her home, September 4th. The Editor along with all his living brothers and sisters were home. The family expression their deep appreciation for the many expressions of sympathy.
A REVIEW
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Bro. New Comer: Bro. Old Timer, I want to thank you for your very frank answer and I will endeavor to follow it sometimes. One more question. What about the messages? Do you think they were up to par? Speak frankly.

Bro. Old Timer: Bro. New Comer, the men really did a fine job of preaching and we well knew that we were at a Convention of Christian Churches and it is only as we "PREACH THE WORD" are we worthy of the name we wear. And let me suggest to you that you will go home and STUDY GOD'S WORD and preach it always giving Christ the preeminence and you will always have a congregation to preach to and will not be hungry for people to love to hear the gospel.

Bro. New Comer: Bro. Old Timer, I want to thank you for this review and I am to be in your city next month in a meeting, I want you to come out to hear me and pray for me. Good bye. Bro. Old Timer. Good bye Bro. New Comer, I will attend your meeting and I will pray for you always.

WILLIAM K. FOX

Rev. William K. Fox has now returned to his school work at the Chicago Theological University, Chicago. His summer was spent in trying to rebuild the Disciple church for Negroes in Mayfield, Ky. He started with one member and a much rundown church building. His first Christian duty was to take a broom and begin cleaning the building in order that he might conduct his services. His survey of the community proved that there were many Christians there and that a church is much needed.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

ACTIVITIES OF THE BROTHERHOOD

PASTOR'S OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

I. We note the following signs of progress during our eight weeks stay here:
   a. A strengthening of the spiritual unity in the communion (church).
   b. An aroused sense of individual responsibility to the church.
   c. Increased attendance to all meetings.
   d. Continued interest of all young people.

We are not discouraged over our financial report because we did not stress this point until the first Sunday in September. This was done purposely in order to put all our effort on building up the spiritually impoverished area of our work.

II. We advance the following recommendations:
   a. That a pastor be secured to advance the work.
   b. That because of the great possibilities here, our National workers give as much personal attention to it as possible.

Yours in Christ,
W. K. Fox, Acting Pastor

PASTOR'S REPORT ON EIGHT WEEKS OF WORK AT SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Mayfield, Kentucky
August 2-September 21, 1941

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Respectfully submitted,
W. K. Fox, Pastor

THE INDIANA AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

4413 Indiana Ave.
Chicago, Illinois

By ALMA P. CUMMINGS

Those of you who attended the Silver Jubilee Celebration witnessed one of the grandest fellowships held in the history of the National Convention. Reverend Davis was elected third vice-president, and he was also elected president of the Ministerial Alliance.

Mrs. Cynthia Martin, one of our wide-awake and untiring members was a delegate and brought home highlights from the convention. Others who represented various departments will also make reports.

Rev. Baxter C. Duke a former member of the Indiana Ave. Church and now the pastor of the Avalon St. Christian Church, Los Angeles, California was guest speaker here Sunday, August 31. Rev. Duke's theme was "When a Christian Makes Trouble."

We were also honored with the presence of Elder Raymond R. Walton who is in our city visiting his parents. Elder Walton is also a former member of this church. He is the pastor of the Gay Street Christian Church of Nashville, Tennessee. Elder Walton brought the message at 11:00 o'clock Sunday, September 7. He preached from the III Chapter of the Acts, IV verse. These two young ministers preached to a large and appreciative audience. There were seven additions, six under Elder Walton and one under Elder Duke. We were happy to have them in our midst.

Sunday, September 14, our pastor and eight or ten laymen, will attend the Annual Laymen's Retreat sponsored by the Chicago Disciples Union, which will be held at the Methodist Camp grounds, Des Plaines, Illinois. The theme of discussion will be, Functioning in a World's War.

The Arabic Temple, No. 44, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine will hold their Annual Sermon here at the church. Our pastor has been requested to preach and the Senior Choir will furnish the music.

MIDWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

REV. EUGENE PATTERSON, Pastor

By MRS. HELEN DICKERSON HUFF

Box 123
North Tazewell, Virginia

Midway Christian Church has closed another successful year of work. We were represented by eight delegates at the Convention. An evangelistic Campaign will start Monday, September 15, 1941 conducted by R. D. Peters.

NOTICE!

Elder H. Heardon, 1938 Russell Street, Detroit, Michigan, Pastor of the Christian Chapel, sent $9.00 to Dr. J. E. Walker, National Treasurer.
BIRCH STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH ADVANCES DURING SUMMER

By Alma Miller

1443 E. 21 St.
Los Angeles, Calif.

The Birch St. Christian Church's attendance throughout the summer months continued to be good, and the spiritual quality high.

We have not had any very outstanding attractions during the past month, but we have had very wonderful services under the guidance of our pastor, the Elder W. J. Bryant. Our pastor has certainly spared no effort to feed us on the "spiritual manna, and the bread of life from the Bible."

Four additions were made to the church during the month of July. Weekly offering were good.

On the 5th Sunday, Miss Lewis, our capable director, presented her choir in their second musical with wonderful success. They also staged a rally and raised a considerable sum.

In the grace of God our church work advances.

STATE CONVENTION CONVENES AT CLARKSDALE, MISSISSIPPI THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Edward Griffin, Reporter

Box 788
Alligator, Miss.

A splendid attendance of the Mississippi State Christian Missionary Convention was entertained, August 13-17 at the First Christian Church of Clarksdale. Some of the outstanding visitors of the convention were, Dr. J. E. Walker, Prof. Blair T. Hunt, Miss Carnella Jamison and Dr. Sellers, the pastor of the Christian Church, Clarksdale, Mississippi. Dr. Walker, Treasurer of the National Convention, delivered an inspiring address. Dr. Hunt preached Friday night. Miss Jamison was active in carrying on group study which resulted in plans to change the entire church program of Mississippi.

INDIANA AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

By Anna May Lampkins

1631 N. Ohio St.
Wichita, Kansas

Under the leadership of Elder A. D. Little, twenty years ago in May, our members began worshiping in the basement of the present church. Now, he has returned from Texas to complete his mission which is to finish building the church. He began pastoring here April 6, 1941. The third Sunday of April he launched his campaign to raise $500 by the third Sunday in July, a period of 90 days.

After a hard struggle toward our goal we finally reached the climax Sunday, July 20, 1941. Our pastor, Elder Little, heading the great drive for the building of the auditorium of our church, rejoiced to see the efforts that our members put forward. Not only he, but also the pioneers of our church who have longed to see our church grow for many years, such as, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mayberry, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. James Adkins, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lampkins, Sr., and Mrs. C. V. Lerman were overjoyed with our success.

Our white sister church the West Side Christian Church proved to be the "good Samaritan" in a splendid way. Their first donation was $25, and their second one added up to about $5. Their assistance and generosity captured the gratitude of all our members. Elder Boatmen is the pastor of the West Side Christian Church.

Accompanied by Mrs. Margie King at the piano the "Community Chorus" rendered a fine program of singing. The members of our church expressed their gratitude for the success of the rally, and last but not least on the program was Brother W. A. Scott.
NATIONAL CONVENTION PAGE

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST OF AMERICA
Rosa Brown Bracy
Our Silver Anniversary Convention

The 25th National Convention of Disciples of Christ of America held in Nashville, Tenn., August 19-25, inclusive is now history. It was an outstanding event. The attendance was more than we expected.

The program was educational and inspiring. The opinions were varied and Christian. The vision was decidedly forward. The plans constructive and sound. The entertainment was superb.

We parted, together to make this year a year of jubilee.

The National Board, Its Findings

Authorized by the National Convention of 1940 we had four very illuminating sessions of the National Convention Promotional Board, while in Nashville. This board is comprised of the members of the executive committee of the National Convention together with the State Presidents and Field Secretaries and state representatives. All ministers are invited and many participated. In these sessions we reviewed the First Convention, its purpose, its program, its conclusions and as well the twenty-four years which have followed. We took inventory of the present and made definite plans for the future. We are quite sure we have the proper perspective and are building on the foundation laid by Our Fathers.

The Recommendations Committee faced squarely our present situation. The following program of work for 1941-42 was recommended and approved by the convention.

A total Jubilee Goal of $5000.00 to support the National Program.

An Inspired, Learned Ministry, $1500.00, The Henry Herod Fund.

An Inspired Leadership, $1500.00, The Patrick Henry Moss Fund.

Mrs. Bracy — Office and Travel, $600.00.

Mrs. Bracy — Salary, $900.00.

To facilitate to the end of achieved total goals for 1941-42. The National Board requested appropriations for each state and area. The appropriations which were approved we list below. Appropriations for each local church are also being provided which will be sent forthwith to each church.

It was agreed by the National Board that the appropriation include the total amount which the local church is to send to support the National Convention program and that the appropriation will not exceed the average of $1.00 per member.

It was definitely understood that as our medium out, INTO ALL THE WORLD, we continue and increase our participation through the United Christian Missionary Society.

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ADDRESS DELIVERED TO NATIONAL CONVENTION
NASHVILLE, TENN.

THE FUTURE OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION
Rosa Brown Bracy

It is interesting to stand here on the brink of the Eternal Future with a past so worthwhile that we feel the security of a foundation that is well laid. The lives of the great men remind us that we can make our lives sublime. And yet we stand here on this holy ground we are wholly aware that the contribution which is made during this generation must be made by us. If we are men and women and will dare to do, then the record of history will accord us the honor of achieving and those who come behind us will rise up to call us blessed. If we lack vision, and integrity and courage then a page in the history of the Negro church will record The Dark Age.

Suppose our Fathers had been willing in a segregated church to have stated in a statement written in which they could have no position of leadership, would we have today State conventions and all the development which goes with them?

Suppose our Fathers had been satisfied to follow in a far off manner without voice or position the National and International trends, would we be able today to celebrate twenty-five years of National Organized Life?

What is to be the future of the National Convention? Is it to be simply a meeting for contact and fellowship and education for the promotion of unified promotion in and through our local churches without being a part of Unified Promotion or is it to be both, a medium for promotion of these causes and as well an administrative body which itself is an agency recognized as such by Unified Promotion and the International Convention of Disciples of Christ of America.

Let it be understood once and for all, that we believe in Missions and as a National Convention we accept and promote the United Christian Missionary Society as the medium through which we will do this work. We are not thinking of segregation. We will not segregate. We do not wish to be segregated from the great brotherhood of Disciples of Christ of America and the world. We do wish even a greater cooperation. A cooperation which we can not enjoy until we stand on equal footing with those with whom we wish cooperation.

Experience is the greatest teacher. We learn to do by doing, and until we have learned to do we will not be masters. If the National Convention then is to be a success we must do. Of course, in the learning to do, there may be some stumbling but we must keep on the upward march. We must decide upon a Purpose, Produce a Program, and Develop a Machine, an organization, a technique whereby we may accomplish the task. It will take real men and women to do this. Not men and women who will vote merely to get through with a proposed proposition, but men and women with convictions who are able to say yes because they mean yes, and no because they mean no.

If the National Convention succeeds we must have in addition to all of these things:

First, An administrative Committee to serve in the absence of the convention to see that the program is carried forward.

Second, We must have a National Organ, a mouthpiece which is dedicated to the National Program.

Third, We must have a United Field Force that we may make a Unified Approach to our constituent responsibility.

Suppose our Fathers had been willing in a segregated church to have stated in a statement written in which they could have no position of leadership, would we have today State conventions and all the development which goes with them?
If the National program succeeds, it will mean that within the next twenty-five years we will have an established headquarters office with a staff of Negro men and women directing. It will mean a staff of ten or more men and women on the field directing and promoting the program of the national church.

A dream is, that we go forward, the church and its every department learning to do by doing so efficiently and effectively that we will be welcomed and even sought because we have something worthwhile to give. “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

Port Gibson, Miss.
September 6, 1941

Dear Mr. Eppse:
It takes a big person to really accommodate.

I accept the apology which you made for the article which you published in the February issue of the Christian Plea concerning me. Although I was deeply hurt I forgive you with all my heart and pledge my genuine cooperation to make the National Convention a service Institution and the Church christian.

If there is anything I can do for the Christian Plea, I stand ready to take orders from you.

Yours very truly,
Rosa Brown Bracey

NATIONAL CONVENTION OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES
OPEN LETTER TO FIFTY CHURCHES
Office of President
2327 Lydia Street
Kansas City, Mo.
Sept. 6th, 1941

My Dear Fellow Worker:
We have just closed our Twenty-fifth Annual National Convention and it was one in which we all were inspired to do more for the Master. I want to thank each of you, your churches, District and State Conventions for the very fine support given the work and am asking that you will again take hold and do even more this coming year.

We have a debt, a note of $250.00 made by our leaders in good faith, and I am very desirous of paying it off within the next 30 days and then start out with a clean slate; therefore I am appealing to you and forty-nine other churches to lift a “Special Offering” of not less than $5.00 or more if possible on the second Sunday in October for the paying off of this debt. Whatever you give will count on your Convention Giving. We do not have any money in treasury now for the carrying on of the work during this year, once free of debt there will be a better spirit to work and such a giving will help us to meet all debts and have some money for the carrying on of the work.

Dr. Walker is making a payment now but it will leave us “Broke” and for that reason we will be happy to have your fellowship in this important task. Please make all checks payable to Dr. J. E. Walker, 234 Hernando St., Memphis, Tennessee. Thanking you for your part in this matter, I am with every good wish for you and work.

Sincerely yours,
R. Wesley Watson
Pres. of National Convention

My Dear Fellow Workers:
We have just closed one of the most successful conventions, the attendance being the largest we have had, with many new faces present. And now since we have been there, passed resolutions, I am asking everybody to put forth every effort for the carrying out of things as planned. We enjoyed some very fine addresses, each speaker did a very good job. Our Editor has promised us every cooperation to put over our National Program, let us therefore do all we can to make us have a Plea with many more subscribers. Out of this great Brotherhood we ought to have at least 5000 subscribers, it can be done by each one being a Booster and a Go-Getter.

Now to our National and World Wide Program, I am asking each member to cooperate with the Secretary, and make this the biggest year we have had. It Can Be Done (Let us, you and I, do our part). Brethren, I am heartily in favor of paying off that balance of the note and then have a clean slate for this year. And for that purpose, I, as President, of this our great Brotherhood, am asking fifty of our churches to raise an after offering of no less than five dollars in the next thirty days and send same to our National Treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker, Memphis, Tenn., and wipe out this obligation. We will then be free to carry on and get some very needed things done. What Pastor will be the first to write and tell me that I can depend on him and his people to answer this call? Not many days hence, our Field Secretary will be writing and visiting you in the interest of the work, I know that you will receive her as you always have done and support the cause that you have called her to do. I hope to get to some of our churches this year; feel free to call on me. With every good wish for the work I am sincerely yours in the work.

R. Wesley Watson

A BRIEF AND INCOMPLETE FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION, AUG. 1941
Nashville, Tenn.

Received by National Treasurer during year 1940-41 from states, churches, individuals and amount brought forward $265.00

Paid out $225.00

Received by General Secretary, Rosa Bracey during year 1940-41 from states, churches and individuals $240.00

Paid Out to Rosa B. Bracey $370.00

Received by Registrar at Nashville Convention from states, churches and individuals and turned over to Bro. Owens to Exe. Committee $600.76

Received by Exe. Committee from other sources including "Plea Rally" "Note Rally" and Special Sunday morning offering $230.76

Received by Exe. Committee $370.00

Grand Total $600.76

Paid Out $579.01

Received by Woman’s Mis. Soc. $300.00

Received by Bible Schools $172.00

Received by Christian Endeavor $65.75

Total from Departments $335.75

Total from Church Convention $600.76

Total received by National Tress $265.00

Total received by Gen. Secretary $240.00

$1614.51

Grand total raised by the entire convention during the entire year of 1940-41 $1614.51

TREASURER'S REPORT
CHRISTIAN PLEA
August 1940-1941

Money Received
Advertising Contracts $46.05
Home Mission Dept.
National Convention $471.99
Pleas Bulk $25.00
Pleas Printed $28.00
Donation, Elder Taylor (Baltimore) $2.00
Subscriptions—Paid $663.43

Total $1267.47

Money Paid Out
To Hemphill Press $753.71
(August 1941)
For Pleas Office Expense $279.35
(Stamps, printing, etc.)
Total $1240.86

Total Deficit $140.39

Paid by Dr. Walker, National Convention Plea Rally $92.25
(Aug. 18, 1941)
National Convention Bible School $10.00
S. P. Wallick, Treasurer

Total Deficit $8.14

Mrs. Preston Taylor, Treasurer

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA
449 4th Ave., N.
Nashville, Tenn.

ANNUAL REPORT (Condensed)
Total Pleas Printed 12,900
(162 pages)
Total Complimentary Pleas mailed 96
Total Pleas to Advertising 21
Exchange Pleas 17
Total Pleas not paid mailed 73
Subscriptions Paid 702
Total 899

Last Year 711

Total gain 158

MERL R. EPPSE, Editor
SUBSCRIPTION MONEY RECEIVED BY THE CHRISTIAN PLEA DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST.

1. Mrs. Emma Moseley, Mt. Willing, Ala., 1 yr., sub. $1.00
2. Mrs. W. F. Brown, 206 E. Walnut St., Louisville, Ky., 1 yr., sub. $1.00
3. Mrs. Susie Flowers, 5153 Calumet Ave., Chicago, Ill., 1 yr., sub. $1.00
4. Mr. F. D. Cole, 2222 Rice St., Little Rock, Ark. (Reported by Mrs. Ophelia Duncan, 206 E. Walnut St., Louisville, Ky., 1 yr., sub. $1.00)
5. Elder G. E. Lakes, 2317 Morgan Ave., Parsons, Kan., 1 yr., sub. $0.50
6. Mr. Charles Green, 628 W. 7th St., Cincinnati, Ohio, 1 yr., sub. $1.00
7. Mr. Charles J. Edwards, 2400 N. 5th St., Kansas City, Mo., 1 yr., sub. $1.00
8. Mrs. Josephine Hayes Lawson, 2216 W. Chestnut St., Louisville, Ky., 1 yr., sub. $1.00
9. Mrs. Maggie Hull, 903 West Mary St., Bristol, Va., 1 yr., sub. $1.00
10. Rev. S. S. Myers, 2400 Paseo Blvd., Kansas City, Mo., 1 yr., sub. $1.00
11. A. D. Little, 1128 E. 13th St., Taylor Avenue Christian Church, among the finest in our Brotherhood. When I entered that beautiful amusement park which he built for the people of his race, these

MY PERSONAL OPINION

By W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor

After attending the National Convention for eighteen consecutive years, I am of the opinion that the Nashville Convention surpasses all previous conventions. I have never in all my life enjoyed such fine doctrinal sermons; delicious meals and other comforts as I did at the beautiful A. and I. State College where the convention was held. Too much praise cannot be given the committee for the high type of entertainment received. I would gladly vote to make Nashville our annual meeting place.

Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David. (Preston Taylor) that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.” Acts 2:29. I met the late Brother Preston Taylor in the National Convention eighteen years ago and in every National Convention until his death, but I must confess that I did not get acquainted with him until I was in Nashville, August 19-25, for my first time. When I entered the beautiful Lea Avenue Christian Church among the finest in our Brotherhood. When I saw Greenwood Park Cemetery which surpasses all cemeteries I have ever seen owned and operated by colored people. When I entered that magnificent mansion in which his widow lives and walked around that beautiful amusement park which he built for the people of his race, these and many other things cause me to know the late Brother Preston Taylor as never before. “Therefore did my heart rejoice and my tongue was glad. I was pricked in my heart and said to some of the brethren, what shall we do to finish the unfinished task so nobly begun by our First President.” “For the promise is until us and to our children, and to all that is afar off, Even as many as the Lord our God shall call.” I am with the Brotherhood in doing everything we can to carry out the ideals of the late Brother Preston Taylor.

THE SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH

REV. R. T. HAYES, Pastor

By MRS. JOSEPHINE HAYES LAWSON

1111 Jones Street

Little Rock, Arkansas

From the Foot of the Ozark

The Second Christian Church still stands in the limelight of Kingdom building.

The Bible School sponsored the Red and Blue contestants, under the leadership of Elder Cole the superintendent, for four weeks, with Allie M. Thomas heading the victorious Blues and Marian Rutledge the defeated Reds. The total amount raised was $18.17.

The church has purchased a lot on High Street near Wright Ave. for the erection of a church house.

The Missionary Society held its second meeting of the year with Mrs. R. F. Hayes acting as hostess. Democracy was the main topic of discussion.

After attending the National Convention Elder Hayes visited North Carolina, and came back through Tennessee where he preached in Knoxville at the Vine Avenue Christian Church and at the Gay Street Church at Nashville.

The second and third Sundays in August were women’s day and men’s day, respectively. Rev. Thomas of Pilgrim Valley Baptist Church preached for the women and Elder J. O. Bowles of the Cross Street Christian Church delivered the sermon for the men. Both of these services were spiritually and financially successful.

The fourth Sunday in September, the congregation is looking forward to a worship service at Kerr, Ark.

Two recent additions have been made to the church.

NOTICE!

The State Convention of Arkansas convened September 17-21, Oakgrove Christian Church, Scotts, Arkansas.

—MRS. S. L. BOSTICK
DISCIPLE CANDIDATE
Attorney Jessie Locker, Prominent Disciple, 613 W. 9th St., Cincinnati, Ohio is a candidate for City Council.
He was interviewed by the Editor last week and expressed his interest in church work as well as the welfare of the city. His lovely wife and children are a great inspiration to him.

First Christian Church, Stuart, Va.
Rev. Eugene Patterson, pastor, has built a beautiful stone building, strictly modern and up-to-date. They will have the opening service, First Sunday in September. Rev. R. L. Peters, pastor of Spencer Memorial Church will preach the Dedicatorial Sermon. His choir, usher board and congregation will accompany him.

REGISTRANTS AT SILVER JUBILEE
1. Alcorn, E.
2. Alexander, P. K.
3. Alford, D. C.
4. Allen, Pearl
5. Alexander, Mrs. Marion
6. Baker, J.
7. Bankhead, J. E.
8. Bramlett, Charles
9. Barnes, A. B.
10. Barnes, F.
12. Barnett, Mrs. F. T.
13. Bissell, Mark, Thomas
14. Bly, Mrs. Lizzie
15. Bonham, Mrs. A.
16. Bracey, R. B.
17. Briston, Edith
18. Brown, J.
20. Brown, Louise
22. Brown, W. H.
23. Buckner, E.
24. Buckner, S.
25. Butler, Mrs. Lola
26. Butler, M.
27. Calloway, Alberta
28. Campbell, G. C.
29. Campbell, Mrs. G. C.
30. Carrol, Johnnie
31. Cason, B.
32. Cason, Myrtle
33. Cason, C.
34. Chambias, M. B.
35. Cole, R. L.
36. Coleman, F. H.
37. Collins, Mrs.
38. Coisher, W. E.
39. Cooper, J. H.
40. Cowan (child)
41. Cowan, J. M.
42. Craigett, Foster
43. Craigett, Pearl
44. Daniels, Rev. E. A.
45. Daniels, Mrs. E. A.
46. Davis, A. L.
47. Davis, Maude
48. Davis, Mrs. A. W.
49. Davis, Rev. A. W.
50. Davis, R. H.
51. Davis, Mrs. R. H.
52. DeGraffenried, E.
53. Devine Mrs. S. C.
54. Devise, Rev. S. C.
55. Dickerson, Rev. Mrs. C. H.
56. Dickerson, Rev. G. M.
57. Dickerson, Rev. L. L.
58. Dickerson, Mrs. L. L.
59. Dickerson, Miss
60. Dickerson, W. H.
61. Dixon
62. Dixon, Mr.
63. Dixon, Mrs.
64. Douglas, B. A.
65. Dunn, E.
66. Ellis, T. D.
67. Elston, Mrs.
68. Elston, John
69. Evans, L. J.
70. Everett, Mrs. T. R.
71. Everett, T. R.
72. Ewem, D.
73. Fish, L.
74. Fleming, H. G.
75. Flournoy, E.
76. Flowers, Susie
77. Floyd, F. T.
78. Ford, J.
79. Fortune, D. C.
80. France, Mrs.
81. France, A.
82. Gamby, Buckner
83. Gamby, J.
84. Gay, Mrs. E. H.
85. Gault, A. D.
86. Gay, Miss Elziora
87. Gill, W. O.
88. Gilmore, A. E.
89. Gladney, S.
90. Gladney, M.
91. Gray, D.
92. Gray, A.
93. Green, V.
94. Griffin, H. G.
95. Guiss (baby)
96. Guiss (child)
97. Guiss, M.
98. Hairston, S. H.
99. Hamilton, F.
100. Harris, Mrs. W. W.
101. Harris, M.
102. Harris, M. B.
103. Harrison, Alma
104. Hawkins, J. J.
105. Hayes
106. Haygood, Miss C. H.
107. Haygood, Prof. H.
108. Haygood, Mrs. J. R.
109. Haygood, J. R.
110. Haygood, M. H.
111. Haynes, Mrs. Lovey
112. Heath, Mrs. D. W.
113. Heath, Rev. D. W.
114. Henderson, Mrs. Mary
115. Henderson, Mrs. Rosa
116. Henry, O. D.
117. Henry, Mrs. Helen
118. Herod, E.
119. Hunt, Blaire T.
120. Hunter, W.
121. Hurdialogue, B. E.
122. Jackson, P.
123. Jackson, A. G.
124. Jamison, C. L.
125. Jeffries, A. N.
126. Johnson, Mr.
127. Johnson, Mrs.
128. Jones
129. Kickapoth, Johanne
130. Kickapoth, Johnnie
131. Lambert, Rev.
132. La Touche, Mrs. R. E.
133. Lewis, Miss Dorothy
134. Longman, C. W.
135. Lucas, V.
136. Martin, Rev. W. M.
137. Martin, Mrs. W. M.
138. McCoy, J. C.
139. McKee, Rev. Mrs. M.
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166. Pertle, S. A.
167. Peters, F. L.
168. Phillips, U.
169. Pratt, T. B.
170. Pratt, Theresa
171. Proctor, W. R.
172. Quarries, J. E.
173. Rand, E. W.
174. Reed, G. H.
175. Riffe, A. C.
176. Riffe, Mrs. A. C.
177. Riley, Mrs. J. C.
178. Robinson, E.
179. Rowan, C. E.
180. Saunders, R.
181. Saunders, Mrs. R. L.
182. Scott, V.
183. Scott, N.
184. Scott, P. N.
185. Scott, Mrs. P. N.
186. Scott, Mrs. W. A.
187. Scott, Mrs. S. A.
188. Scott, Rev. R. A.
189. Sherman, Charles E.
190. Shumate, W. E.
191. Shumate, Mrs. W. E.
192. Singleton, H. M.
193. Smith, H. E.
194. Smith, N. R.
195. Starling, E. G.
196. Stultz, R. H.
197. Sullivan, S.
198. Taylor, W. H.
199. Thomas, J. H.
200. Thomas, Mary K.
201. Towns, Rev. E. J.
202. Titus, E. G.
203. Tibles, W. P.
204. Townes, J. A.
205. Trevillion, Mrs. N. H.
206. Trevillion, Mrs. N. H.
207. Turner, O. E.
208. Tyson, Mrs. S. F.
209. Tyree, Rev. E. P.
210. Van Buren, Mary
211. Wade, M. I.
212. Walker, F. O.
213. Walker, F. S.
214. Walton, R. R.
215. Ward, E.
216. Washington, Mrs. P. C.
217. Washington, Mrs. P. C.
218. Watson, Mrs. R. W.
219. Webb, B.
220. Webb, Rev. Charles
221. Webb, Mrs. Charles
222. West.
223. West, W.
224. White, Miss Ida
225. Whithfield, Rev. J. F.
226. Whithfield, Mrs. J. F.
227. Wicks, W.
228. Wilbert, Mrs. E. W.
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231. Williams, Agnes
232. Williams, J. M.
233. Williams, S.
234. Willis, A.
235. Wilson, H. T.
236. Wright, M. Y.
237. Yarbrough
238. Barnett, Mrs. F. T.
239. Barnett, Rev. F. T.
240. Dean, Mrs. R. A.
241. Duke, Rev. B. C.
242. Duke, Mrs. Zezima W.
243. Franklin, I.
244. Griffin, Miss
245. Johnson, Prof. R. O.
246. Johnson, R. O.
247. Marx, Mrs. H. B.
248. Paty, Mrs. C. H.
249. Walker, Dr. J. E.
250. Williams, G. A.
251. Tryler, Mrs. Preston
252. Haynes, Callie
253. Nixson, Mrs. Irene
254. Crawford, Mrs. L. H.
255. White, Mrs. Frank.
256. Epps, S. E.
257. Maloy, Rev. R. C.
258. Mason, Mrs. R. C.
259. Holt, Mrs.
Emergency Million for Life and Labor

Our Brotherhood launched a million dollar drive July 1, 1941. Active solicitation is to be completed June 30, 1942 and all the money is to be in by June 30, 1943. Mr. C. O. Hawley, Director of Unified Promotion is the Director. The causes participating are: The Association of the Promotion of Christian Unity; The Board of Church Extension; The Pension Fund; The Board of Higher Education; The United Christian Missionary Society and all State Societies and Colleges cooperating in Unified Promotion.

The question which naturally all Negro Disciples are asking: What will the Negroes get out of it? This is always the question of people who have been taught to be beggars. It should be here and now emphasized that it is the Christian duty of all Negro Disciples to make the whites more Christian.

Paul once said “Let your moderation be known of all men.” Here is a bit of Christian advice of high merit. In these days of narrow-minded reformers, widening social chasms, and embittered partisanship, we do need men and women of temperate judgment, who possess the spirit of Christian forbearance, rather than extremists and fanatics with superheated emotions.

In matters of religion, we discover that the greatest virtues, as the greatest nations and cultures, develop in the temperate zones. Moderation prevents thrill from becoming avarice, amiability from deteriorating into flabbiness, caution from becoming suspicion, and justice from becoming severity.

A great many people, however, are confusing the Christian virtue of moderation with condemned sin of lukewarmness of which the New Testament warns us in no uncertain terms; “Because thou art lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spew thee out of my mouth.” Too many judgments today are calm because of empty minds. Religious issues, public questions, and international affairs ought to be the concern of all. We should have deep-seated convictions in regard to race relations and war. And, our attitude should be one of genuine Christian moderation generated by our own knowledge of rights and wrongs on both sides of these questions, rather than lukewarmness and spiritual anemia. The world is desperately in need of men who have convictions deep enough to make them dynamic, and enough coolheadedness to make them considerate.

The admonition to be moderate is no excuse for the sinful indifference which exists in striking abundance today, for the Bible plainly states that we ought to be “fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.” And we discover that when with a fervent spirit we serve God, foolheadedness gives way to warmheartedness and Christian moderation is seen to be one of the legitimate and fundamental principles of abundant living.

It is hardly possible that the Negro Disciples will read the slogan,
“Let there be no blackout of Christian teaching” and interpret it the same way as the whites do. The Negro should take as his slogan “Let there be no blacks left out of Christian teaching.”

One hundred Negro churches or individuals should take one unit of $100.00 each. This will make the sum of $10,000, which is one, one hundredth of the total asking. The Negro churches which have been saved from foreclosure; The subsidy of many Negro ministers; The support of S. C. I., and Jarvis College; all, are expressions of a Christian attitude which is commendable, but when one looks at the great possibilities just ahead, then one sees the need of giving. $332,250 is to be spent for Foreign and Home Missions. Maybe we can get some more Home Mission workers. Maybe we can get on speaking terms with State Secretaries. No Christian can justify a State Secretary as a Christian worker when he will not include the Negro churches in his program. Maybe we will get some of our dilapidated churches repaired; maybe we can get money to construct some new churches; maybe we can get more than one full-time Secretary for 13,000,000 Negroes; maybe we can get a Negro Old Folks’ Home; maybe we can get a Bible College to train Negro preachers. We have 502 churches and only 207 preachers. Among this group of ministers only three are college graduates.

The Negro Disciples’ task is to be “fervent in the spirit” Give the “Widows” mite. Let’s go up with courage a young one?

TEXAS STATE LOOKS FORWARD TO CONVENTION

Prepare now to attend our Women’s Jubilee Convention to be held at Jarvis College during our State Convention in August 1942. Authority has been given to Elder W. F. Thomas, member of Grove Street Christian Church, Houston, Texas, to collect funds over the State of Texas for the Women’s Jubilee year. Elder W. F. Thomas is an honest, truthful Christian man.

Miss S. P. Walker, State Pres. 2314 Lucile St., Dallas, Texas Mrs. Arah Garrett, Box 462, Granger, Texas

PROF. T. W. PRATT REPORTS CONTRIBUTIONS TO TRIP TO MEXICO

Reverend L. H. Crawford $1.00
Mrs. Preston Taylor 1.00
Mrs. R. H. Peoples 1.00
Rev. A. W. Davis 1.00
Rev. O. Zollar 1.00
Mrs. Rosa B. Bracy .50

Many others promised at the National Convention that they would report. Thanks to all.

Yours truly,
T. W. Pratt
3612 Thomas Ave.,
Dallas, Texas

Ole Kentucky Speaks

By C. H. Dickerson
340 Ohio St., Lexington, Ky.

Readers will note that every letter, save Y and Z, are seen in beginning names of registered delegates at our National at Nashville.

May we indulge in some wonders? We wonder— If the church is “Progressing” to, or from its objective?

If the harness is not too heavy for the horse? If we shouldn’t wear our name instead of “nick-naming ourselves”? If we think that “Form of Doctrine” alone, will save us? If fewer “Rubber Stamps” should be committee members? If the man isn’t “off” who speaks of a Christian Church “Shrine”? If our church officers should not be elected oftener? If the preachers believe what they preach, or preach what they believe? If the “Love of Christ” can make a dent in the shell of prejudice? Tho the wars keep a booming and the bombs keep a zooming? But God is still a-loving and His people still a-moving.

And the birds are still a surging and the bells are still a ringing And the sun is still a shining so Christian cease your whining.

You get nowhere by complaining, God knows when to send the raining.

NECK AND NECK

Yes, it is certainly neck and neck with the Heaths who work together to build the Kingdom of God in the hearts of men and, who are Pastor and Director of Religious Education at the Second Christian Church, Rockford, Illinois. The two horsemen are now re-signing their posts in Rockford and accepting positions at Jackson, Mississippi where they will work under the auspices of the United Christian Missionary Society, Indianapolis, Indiana. Their keen sense of evangelism and their church pride will be missed very much by the members and friends of the church.

These people came to Rockford, March 19th, 1939 and met a somewhat discouraged and scattered membership which called for very hard work. The first thing that aclaimed their attention was the unattractive building that the people were working in. The building had not been painted since the first World’s War. They got their pails and paint brushes and with the help of a few members, immediately started decora-

The next thing was the improper lighting of the church. Brother Heath organized a little club and it raised enough money to buy new lights for the church which he installed himself.
WALTON RESIGNS

Last week, Nashville citizens were surprised to learn that Rev. Raymond Walton handed his resignation to the official board to take effect immediately. The Historic Gay Street Church is now facing a crisis as the membership are much divided over the recent developments. The plans of the church and Rev. Walton are indefinite at this time.

DR. CRAWFORD HOLDS SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL IN GREENVILLE, TEXAS

The report of Lea Avenue from January to August showed that $354.45 was contributed of which $265.45 was paid Elder Crawford. The total indebtedness of the church is now only $28.93.

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE RECEIVED $21,947.72

The new dormitory for boys at S.C.I. received from Promotional sources $21,947.72. This does not include the money received from appropriations. This is certainly an expression of Inter-racial goodwill. It is hoped that S.C.I. will become a school of great service for the people who are furthest down.

VACANT PULPITS

1. Gay Street Christian Church, Nashville, Tennessee
2. Clay Street Christian Church, Paducah, Kentucky
3. Oxford Christian Church, Oxford, Ohio
4. Rockford Christian, Church, Rockford, Illinois
5. Indianapolis Christian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana
6. Johnson City Christian Church, Johnson City, Tennessee
7. Christian Church, Savannah, Tenn.

WICKIZER HELPS TWO NEGRO CHURCHES

It is a coincident that Rev. D. W. Heath has resigned from Rockford, Illinois church to accept work at Jackson, Mississippi. It is more clear when one sees that the Department of Church Development and Evangelism have allotted $25.00 per month for the two churches in Jackson. The Cross Street Church at Little Rock, Arkansas has secured $20.00 per month. Rev. J. O. Bowles is the pastor.

DO YOU WANT A BROTHERHOOD COLLEGE AT NASHVILLE

We have a pledge of $1000.00 on 33 acres and a 16 room brick house costing $8,500. What will be your pledge? Write the PLEA office at once.

JOIN NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN MEN

All Brotherhood men members who are interested in joining a launders' movement, please send your name and address to the PLEA office. The purpose of this organization is Christian Unity. Send your name at once.
EDUCATION

From the August "Georgia Observer" issued by the Georgia Commission on Interracial Cooperation we take extracts of the account of the "witch hunting" campaign of Governor Talmadge against liberal educators in the state:

On June 16, against the wishes of Governor Eugene Talmadge, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by a vote of 8 to 7 reelected Dr. Walter D. Cocking of the School of Education of the University of Georgia, and Dr. Marvin Pittman, President of the Georgia Teachers' College at Statesboro. Between June 16 and July 14 Governor Talmadge asked for the resignations of five of the eight Regents who voted against him. Two complied immediately, three refused. The Board of Regents now was made up of ten men for the Governor, five against him. On July 14 the Board voted 10-5 for the dismissal of Dr. Cocking and Dr. Pittman.

Dr. Cocking was said to advocate the establishing of a teacher training center for white and Negro teachers. "Brown America" by Edwin R. Embree, President of the Rosenwald Fund, was introduced as evidence that the Rosenwald Fund advocated co-mingling of the races; the Rosenwald Fund had made large contributions to the University System since Dr. Cocking had entered the System; Dr. Cocking was connected with the Rosenwald Fund.

Dr. Pittman had used labor and fertilizer to develop his private farm; five teachers from Tuskegee Institute had spent a day at the school to observe methods in rural education, and had eaten sandwiches on the campus.

The two great dailies of Atlanta, the morning Constitution and the Journal, have spared neither space nor adjectives in setting forth editorially their opinion against the verdicts of the Board of Regents based on the evidence presented. Hitler Talmadge was burned in effigy by the students. Maybe he is a Christian.

CHRISTIAN PLEA SUPPORTERS GROW

We have the following now:

1. Mrs. Preston Taylor $5.00
2. Merl R. Eppse $5.00
3. Dr. J. E. Walker $5.00
4. Rev. W. H. Taylor (Balt.) 5.00
5. Mrs. Rosa Wicks 5.00
6. Rev. R. H. Davis 5.00
7. Mrs. Johnnie Kirkpatrick 5.00
8. Rev. W. H. Taylor (Balt.) 5.00

Let's get 100 before Christmas.


Total amount collected $1641.51
Mrs. Rosa Bracey spent 240.00
Executive Committee spent 579.01

$819.01

The Executive Committee has not reported what the $579.01 was spent for, nor do we know what has become of the remaining $822.50. We hope to be able to give you these facts in the next issue. In answer to the many queries, the PLEA can only say that an itemized statement has not been received as yet. The PLEA is anxious to get a complete report from the Convention. The Bible School; The Christian Endeavor; and the Woman's Missionary Society. Please send them in at once to the PLEA office.

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If we walk in the light, we have fellowship one with the other.
—1 John, 1-7

NOTICE!
ALL NEWS MUST BE IN BY SEVENTH OF EACH MONTH
PRESIDENT’S FIRESIDE CHAT

R. Wesley Watson
Nat’l. President of Disciples of Christ

My Dear Fellow-Workers:

Just a note to thank all of the workers who have promised help in the raising of money for this note. Your many fine letters made me happy. I do appreciate the very many fine contributions in the PLEA. Let us keep it up and tell the world what we are doing.

This leaves me under the weather but I am hoping to be out soon and will do what I can to keep the Old Ship of Zion sailing on. Our workers are much interested in the program, Mrs. Walker, President of the Ministers’ Wives Group is sending a contribution on the note and we do appreciate it very much.

God give each officer and follower a VISION that will enable them to do their fullest for the advancement of the program. Hoping to see you in the next issue when I will have more to say I am yours in the work,

R. Wesley Watson, Nat’l President of Disciples of Christ.

“A REVIEW—BRO. OLD TIMER & BRO. NEW COMER

Bro. Old Timer: Bro. New Comer, it was a great privilege and pleasure to have been with you younger men of our convention and church and to know of the great interest that you all have and I have a great deal of faith in you and them; and as I think of the future, I want you younger men to be so big that you will spend much time with the older men and learn some things from them for they have some rich experiences and will be able to strengthen you as you face the future; for, remember this, all of the lessons are not received in the Colleges but many a valuable one is received in and from the College of the lives of our seniors. David was a greater General than Solomon with all of his God-given wisdom for he selected MEN OF TRAINING and rich experiences and was able to make a great contribution to the building of the Kingdom of Israel.

Bro. New Comer: I do so much appreciate all that you have said and I want you to know that I personally appreciate the faith you have in me and I will do all that I can to learn from the school of experience, and like the young man Timothy, I will endeavor to discover me a Paul and follow in his footsteps as he follows in the steps of the Master. A very great deal rests upon our younger men and we will need much experience to handle these problems that will arise. I am very much interested in the going forward of our National Work and I see that the President is very anxious to pay off the note of $230.00, now. Brother Old Timer, why not just wait and do it at the Nat’l Convention in 1942. What do you think?

Bro. Old Timer: Bro. New Comer, I am happy to know that you feel that the older men will be able to help and you are willing to sit at their feet. I do want to congratulate you upon such a wise decision and I see now that with such a vision, you will make good, and help the cause go forward. I, too, am happy to know that you are concerned in our Nat’l Work, and one of the best ways of supporting the National Work is “Strengthen The Local Church” and make it stand out at all times and permit the local church to have fellowship in each and every endeavor. Many of the men think that if they encourage their churches to support the many calls of the brotherhood, it will make their people more liberal towards the program at home. Brother New Comer, the president has the right slant on this debt and we as “Workers” with him ought to get behind it with all of our influence and put it over. The request is very simple, give the members of our churches an opportunity to make an offering for this cause, and to my mind it seems that any of us can do that. Not only am I doing that, but I will also lead off the offering with at least half a dollar. And I want you to begin now in your early ministry to cultivate a fine taste for the work of the church all over the World and let no outside influence cause you to become small. You will find a your work grows that you, too, will grow in like manner. Therefore, I am urging that you and all of us, not only do our part but more than our part.

To your last question, why not wait until the next convention? We have already waited too long for conventions and this is now time for action on the part of Every Disciple! Can I have your willingness now to support this effort most heartily?

Brother Old Timer, I wish to assure you that you are thinking for the very best of the work and I will do not only my part but more than my part for this very important task. Let me ask you, Brother Old Timer, what is your attitude on the PLEA, its editor and our General Secretary?

Brother New Comer, I have always had a very fine appreciation for the PLEA, its editor and our very capable General Secretary. And no one regretted more than I the “Flare Up” and more was more appreciative of the Editor, when like the “Big Man” he really arose and made the apology. It was manly, timely and above all, Christianity. He became bigger by such an act. Now that is all gone and I, for one, am back of the PLEA and want to do all that I can to make it the kind of a paper that our editor is so very capable of giving us and just the kind we ought to have, therefore, I join hands with you and ask all of our readers to join hands and put up a UNITED EFFORT FOR THE PLEA. Our General Secretary is worthy of the trust placed in her. Let us not only vote for her but “Say It With Love, Loyalty and Money.” God grant that you will begin now to work for the entire program and not wait just before two weeks of the convention and hurry.

Listen, Brother Old Timer, what of the Memorial Services? How were you impressed with them?

Brother New Comer, I was favorably impressed with them and think that they were timely, it was wise of the committee to change them when they did. I did regret that all of the delegates were not able to attend. And our president did a good job in bringing the Message. And on a whole the program committee did well, even if they did fall down on the communion services. I thought that
the program should have given space to Mrs. Preston Taylor and allow her to tell us the story of the First Nat'l Convention, for only they who were present know the very fine part she played, housing all of the women in her home and men where we had the picnic and she, herself, cooking for all of the delegates with some help. As I gather up my things to say good-bye to you, let me say to you as a young man, I commend unto you, Sister Ida Taylor, for she has been a fellow-laborer with Preston Taylor, Henry L. Herod, B. C. Calvert, J. N. Ervin, L. H. Crawford and R. Wesley Watson. God lend her to us for some time to come. "Farewell, Brother New Comer, God bless you! Farewell, Brother Old Timer and God bless you!"

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY PAGE

President Johnnie Kirkpatrick

To My Beloved Sisters and Brothers:

We closed in August, the greatest National Convention in the history of the organization. I feel it is best, so far as its numerical, spiritual and financial sides are concerned. The A. and I. State College of Tennessee afforded us its dormitories as our quarters, where we were in personal contact with each other through the whole week. The spacious and beautiful cafeteria with its excellent food and service was a thing we had never before witnessed. We most certainly give great credit to the president of the school, Sister Preston Taylor, Brother Eppse, Brother Crawford, and others who made this meeting possible. The entertaining feature was also unusual, the president and his wife entertained the convention in their beautiful home. The ministers' wives banquet was the best ever. The opportunity to witness the beautiful memorial service at the grave of our beloved Brother Taylor and see his magnificent burial ground, park and home were indeed inspiring.

Let us now get down to our work. The president, first, second and third vice-presidents are to perform the same work as last year. I am sure you will be hearing from them in a few days. Mrs. Alm Harrison of Missouri is our National helper, and will be writing you soon. Our own Sister Herod will look after our quiet service. Mrs. Fenton Hamilton and Mrs. Annie Davis will head up Social Action in the church. Other appointments will be made known at a later date. Our financial objectives are: Raising funds for a paid Children's National Worker, raising money to defray expenses for an executive meeting, and for our schools and the N.C.M.S. We are asking that each member pay monthly 25 cents for payments on the N.C.M.S., and in one year $3.00 will have been paid. Each name will be sent to the N.M.S. to be placed on its honor roll. Pledge cards may be secured by sending to 222 Downey Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana. Send money directly to N.C.M.S., record to Mrs. Orene Cole, 2460 Howard Street, Little Rock, Arkansas. We are asking that each member pay 10 cents per month for our National Convention, or $1.00 per year to Mrs. A. M. Haygood, 212 10th Avenue, N., Birmingham, Alabama. The payment of this amount entitles your name to be placed on the National Convention honor roll.

We are asking all officers also members to send to Brother Eppse $5.00 for the PLEA. This may be sent a dollar at a time. What would we do without this organization? We must support it. I am sending for subscription blanks. I hope others will do the same.

The Missionary Society went over the top this year in its pre-convention meeting. We had large numbers at the sessions and also raised its largest amount of money. Mrs. Doan, Vice-President of N.C.M.S., Mrs. Marx, Executive Secretary, N.C.M.S., together with Miss Jamison, made our pre-convention session very interesting. We are looking forward to their being with us again next year.

May we go forth in His name to replenish the harvest. Let us not forget to pray and send some one has said, "make our feet pray also."

Yours in His name,

Your humble servant,

Jonnie Kirkpatrick,
President, Woman's National Convention

TEXAS YOUTHS MARCH ON

Helen E. Henry
1105 S. 10th St.
Waco, Texas

The young people's work in Texas moves on into its fourth year. The past year has been a very encouraging one. We were able to serve sixteen churches and their young people. Although this work was not very adequately done, we cannot be satisfied until somehow every church in the state can be served as we would wish. Twenty-seven full days were spent on the field, twenty-three speeches delivered, sixteen conferences and panel discussions held, and four activity periods conducted. No fund thus far has been appropriated for promotion, but through the Providence of God and the sacrifice of the directress all expenses were cared for and nine dollars and fifty-one cents reported to the Adult Department, which was in turn refunded. About one-hundred miles were covered. Although no effort was made to convert any one, it was our fortune to have one young woman come forward for baptism.

The youth session of the State Convention had thirty-nine young people to share in this Christian work which ended in the closing circle, the crowning point of their session. The theme of this meeting was "Youth Facing the Zero Hour."

The gravity of leadership in working with Youth can only be realized by those who are actually in the work. No one can visualize the effort one must make in gaining a place for these young people. The older members mistake our efforts to make them useful thinking they are trying to replace them. They have their own place to fill, they do not want to fill ours. What they want is an unhampered chance to fill them. When this problem is solved, the security and growth of the church will be assured. Youth must move on.

Fortunately, the Texas young people have their own place in our state convention and it is recognized by the general body. They have a chance for expression. Now we must strive for a division or Department in which they may "learn to do by doing." While we pass through this period, every youth must remember that to hold an office does not mean much, but to do, to dare, and to suffer for the ideals, principles and teachings of Jesus is what counts.

The total national and state leadership of youth needs to come together for serious, prayerful study and planning. This is no hour for confusion in the church. We are the light of the world. If we cannot have peace
in the church, how are we to hope for a peaceful world? The Democracy is on the lips of everyone. How can we be democratic when we retard the progress of anyone. We should so live that our young people can see that this democracy is not mere lip service, but putting our democratic beliefs into practice.

Despite the fact that we can see the way out at present, the young people are planning a great year. "Where God's finger points; there God's hand will make the way."

MISS JAMISON SUPPORTER OF NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF NEGRO YOUTH

When the National Conference of Negro Youth meet in Washington, D. C., November 14, 15, 16, they will have the support of the Southern Negro Youth Congress of Birmingham, Alabama.

Among the many sponsors appears the name of Miss Carnella Jamison, General Secretary of Negro Organization of the U.C.M.S. Miss Jamison is now studying at the Chicago Theological Seminary.

Dear Friends:

In the midst of a world which changes so rapidly and in the face of the rise in cost of living a Christian has much to consider as he accounts for his stewardship.

Following the inspiration of our pre-convention session and Convention Conferences there are special problems which many of you wish to face in your local groups. Copies of the pre-convention session are going to those who were present and to every local group as quickly as they have been mimeographed.

This is indeed a grave year in the history of our church. When the world seems to crumble at our feet Christians must hold the pieces together. Our regular offerings must help to do the holding. Now is the time to stress the prompt payment of pledges and to make regular quarterly remittances.

The Emergency Million Campaign is in progress in order to carry on our work in the midst of growing emergencies caused by war and to lift the debts under which the missionary work of our church is laboring. In both the continuing work and in the emergency you can and must have a part.

The packet Home Missions and Human Rights was received with enthusiasm at several state conventions and at the national. Surely more local groups are making use of it. Be sure to enlist the participation of all adults in the Church on this vital theme "Christianity and Democracy in America." While our Country is not ideal in all respects it is the homeland which we know best and love most. A great responsibility rests upon American Christians to make the kind of society in which to live.

These times call for disciplined living. Are you as a Christian willing to measure the stewardship of your time, talent, money, and life by the Highest Ideal of Humanity? Make definite plans now for Woman's Day. The theme of the message suggested is "The Church Accepts the Challenge." An outline for the message on this subject is free upon request by writing to Missionary Education Department, Missions Building, Indianapolis, Indiana. In times like these the entire church must accept the challenge, therefore it is fitting that plans be made to include the whole church in the activities of Woman's Day in every church.

According to the reports made at the end of the year 88 churches observed Woman's Day last year. Would it be feasible to ask that a larger number of organizations participate in one of the special days on our missionary calendar?

The offerings given on Woman's Day apply on the goal of the Missionary Society. Many churches make the occasion "dollar day." Send your offerings promptly to The United Christian Missionary Society, Missions Building, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Let me thank again the host of state and local leaders who help to make possible and pleasant the contacts which I made this summer in conferences, local church visits, district meetings and conventions.

Let there be no lessening of interest but a girding of renewed strength in Christ in order that we may help to hold the world together.

Yours faithfully,

Carnella L. Jamison

MISS CARNELLA JAMISON

NATIONAL NEGRO SECRETARY VISITS EAST

By Rev. S. E. Tillman

169 Seaman St., N. Brunswick, N. J.

Dr. R. H. Peoples, National Secretary of Negro work of the Disciples of Christ, made his first appearance at the Williamsburg Christian Church, Sunday, September 21, 1941. He was heartily welcomed by the pastor and congregation and accompanied to the church by Rev. W. E. Kinard, minister of the St. Phillip's Church. He found the church in the midst of celebrating the fifth anniversary of the church chorus. Rev. W. E. Kinard, the pastor, Evangelist S. E. Tillman of New Brunswick, N. J., and Rev. W. Keyes accompanied Dr. Peoples to the rostrum. Rev. Peoples chose the subject, "Spreading the Gospel to the Uttermost parts of the Earth." In well chosen words he impressed upon the minds of the hearers that they must do their share in helping to spread the gospel of Christ throughout the earth. This he emphasized can be done by each individual supporting the gospel. To the ministers he urged that their yearly reports be sent in so that they may be published in the year books.
As a few churches in the East have planned to organize and set apart a convention, they were advised by the National Secretary not to attempt to cover too much territory at the beginning. It is expected that on or by November 1, 1941, the presbyteries of the East will be set up under the Christian Churches.

**VIRGINIA — WEST VIRGINIA — NORTH CAROLINA**

**Tri-State Echoes**

"Thine ears shall hear a work behind thee, saying, this is the way." Is. 30-21.

By R. L. Peters

National Evangelist
614 Hickory St.
Winston-Salem, N. C.

The first Sunday in September, the members of the First Christian Church, Stuart, Va., went into their new building. Rev. R. L. Peters preached the opening sermon and was accompanied from Spencer Memorial Church by his choir, usher board and congregation. People attended from across the State line, rural districts, towns and cities. Rev. Eugene Patterson is the pastor of this next, well-equipped, modern building.

The Midway Christian Church, Tazewell, Virginia just closed two weeks of a revival meeting, September 28. Results: Accessions 15, adults, offerings $105. This meeting closed against the wishes of the large crowds that attended. Rev. Eugene Patterson is their pastor. Rev. R. L. Peters, National Evangelist, conducted the meeting.

The Parks Grove Christian Church, Wilkes County, N. C. closed a week's meeting September 21, accessions 10 all by baptism; Rev. J. W. Mack, pastor.

The Phillippi Christian Church, Cuckoo, Virginia, Louisa Co., closed a one week revival September 23rd. Results: 9 added to the church by baptism, offering $80. Elder O. Zollars of Reedsville, N. C. did the preaching. His sermon on the "Prophetic Son" was a master piece. A car load from Washington, D. C. were present to hear this sermon. He made friends with many denominations. He is a powerful preacher and his wife is one of the most outstanding teachers of the City schools of Reidsville, N. C. She is a great help to him in the work. Any church wanting a real Testament Evangelist will do well to get. Elder O. Zollars to conduct a meeting.

To the ministers in Christ's Vineyard and the New Testament churches everywhere, I am on the Firing line and enjoying splendid health. The recent dental work done has aided my health and my speech.

Beginning, October 12, I am booked to hold revivals at the following places: Baltimore, Md., Tulsa, Okla., Danville, Ky., Roanoke, Va., and Fulton, Mo. This will keep me busy up until January 1. I have a few dates to fill in 1942. These able men are on my staff to assist me; Rev. O. Zollars, Rev. P. K. Alexander, Rev. S. Kenney, Rev. Eugene Patterson and Rev. William Merres. My chauffeur is a capable person to conduct Song and Prayer Service. A days notice is necessary to secure my services.

First Christian Church, Bailey Town, Walnut Cove—10 days revival held by home forces, church much revived, Rev. M. Robinson, pastor.

The First Christian Church, Concord, N. C. is making wonderful progress under the pastorate of Rev. P. K. Alexander who is in his 8th year with them.

The Center Tabernacle Christian Church is mourning the loss of the passing of their pastor, Elder E. D. Holt, September 30. The funeral was held at Center Tabernacle Christian Church, Greensboro, N. C. Elder R. L. Peters preached the funeral on the subject: WHAT SHALL OUR LAST WORDS BE? Text: 2 Thym. 4:7-8. A large number of people, both white and colored were the friends of this man. Miss Vaselia Spencer, Secretary of Churches of Christ of the Tri-State Christian Convention drew up resolution on behalf of the convention.

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ACTIVITIES OF THE BROTHERHOOD

NOTES FROM OLD ASPARAGUS
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By A. D. Gault
Route 2, Mayslick, Kentucky
I would just like to say to the Brotherhood that we are still on the highway. Since our State Convention in July we have been moving along. Rev. E. B. Toles, our pastor, has been bringing good sermons. The first Sunday in August, we had all-day services, reports brought from the State Convention by Rev. Toles, John Washington and A. D. Gault. The officers held an official board meeting once each month. The officers and pastor work out their problems together. Our church and Bible School was represented in the National Convention at Nashville, Tennessee. The writer brought a report to church from the National Convention. It was a great Convention to report from. Some of our outstanding workers visited the church; August 31, Rev. William Walker and wife from London, Ky. and Mrs. Lizzie Beatty of Crab Orchard. Our annual fall meeting began Sept. 30th, closed out Oct. 5th. Rev. R. L. Sanders of Danville will do the preaching. We have lost four of our good members since our State Convention. They are Mr. and Mrs. Cross and son, and Mrs. Annabel Johnson, who have gone to Ohio to work. We shall strive to keep the home fires burning.

EDITOR TO SPEAK

Miss Dale Ellis
Executive Secretary of Institutional Missions

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THE CROSS STREET CHURCH
By Mrs. Minnie Guydon
1205 W. 20th St.
Little Rock, Arkansas
"When it rains it pours." These words were never more truly demonstrated than on the night of Sept. 30th, when Cross Street gave our new pastor, Elder G. H. Bowles and family, a shower of groceries gathered from the members scattered around the city. There were groceries of most every description that came in such a deluge from pet cream to live chickens. Our pastor began to wonder if there would not still be enough for the Christmas dinner. So now, I am glad to say that we are well pleased with Elder Bowles’ beginning. We believe he is a true gospel preacher. We believe he has all that we are looking for in a pastor. We mean to do better work than ever before with full assurance that God will add his blessings.

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ARKANSAS FINANCIAL REPORT
By Mrs. Sarah Bostick
Route 2, Box 32
N. Little Rock, Arkansas

Money reported to the National Convention:
Russellville, Ark. .......... $1.00
Mt. Sinai ................ 2.00
Oak Grove No. 2 ........... 2.00

Total .................... $5.00

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Russellville ................ $1.00
Mt. Sinai N. Little Rock .. 2.00
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Total .................... $5.00

Represented Church .......... 5.00
Cross Street Church ......... 5.00

Total .................... 10.00

Grand total for churches 15.00
From the Cross St. Missionary Society 2.00
From the Second Church Missionary Society 2.00

Total .................... 9.00

To Prof. Peoples:
Russellville School ........ $1.00
Mt. Sinai, N. Little Rock .. 2.00
Oak Grove, Scott, Ark. ..... 2.00
Second Church ............. 2.00

Total .................... $7.00

State Board Secretary
Mr. Haywood Armstrong—to President R. W. Watson $6.00

This is the total from Ark. 42.00

We know that Arkansas has not done what she should have done, but she is on the lower corner of the map. I gave to Brother G. B. Fisher of Little Rock, in the presence of President P. C. Washington and wife of Hawkins, Texas, the amount of $13.00 to give to the different departments, Sunday School, Woman's Missions, and the Churches, and sent one dollar to Mrs. Preston Taylor for the Silver Jubilee Fund. I counted the $13.00 out to him in their presence. I first asked President Wash-

ingston to take it but he said to give it to Brother Fisher. Now this money must be gotten up at once. Last year there was a lot of confusion over the Woman's Missions report, and it was about six months before it was straightened out. I am responsible for all money in my possession, but after it is out of my hands, I am not. I mailed to Mrs. Kirkpatrick, the National President, $3.00 in a money order at 449 4th Ave., N. Nashville, Tennessee.

Respectfully,
Mrs. S. L. Bostick

CLARK STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Elder F. C. Carey, Pastor
1123 North Wesley
Greenville, Texas

Elder Carey and his members are still striving to win souls. They have for their motto: "The whole church at the whole task." Four additions have been made since the last report. Elder L. H. Crawford carried on a five-day revival which netted quite a sum of money. Present during these meetings were: Elder Sparks and Mrs. Sparks, Mrs. E. M. Pratt, and sister Elgie Titus and Ethel A. Vials. The auxiliaries of the church are working hard in trying to liquidate the debt. That Women's Aid is especially helpful in this effort. The president of this club, Sister Emma Griffin, enjoys reading the PLEA and intends to enlarge the subscription list this coming year.

WILLIAMSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Elder W. F. Keyes, pastor
Cherridell Ellis, reporter
Brooklyn, N. Y.

The Williamsburg Christian Church had a progressive month of August both in attendance and financially. The quarterly union of the Christian Churches in New York and New Jersey convened at the St. Phillip's Christian Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., Friday night, August 29 through Sunday, August 31. The reports and attendance were good. On Saturday, our reliable president, Sister Queen Miley, brought the Missionary group together for its meeting. Rev. Washington of New Brunswick, New Jersey gave a wonderful message on the subject, "Jesus Keeps His Promise." Sunday morning, August 31, began with Sunday School. Communion services were conducted by Evangelist Rev. S. E. Tillman of New Brunswick, New Jersey, assisted by Rev. J. S. Williams, pastor of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Rev. Lamb, Rev. James Dickson, Rev. C. R. Murdough, Pastor of the Antioch Christian Church, and Rev. W. C. Kinard, Pastor of the St. Phillips Christian Church, and Vice president of the Union. Elder Keyes, president of the Union, preached the eleven-thirty sermon on the subject, "Be An Example."

Dear Dr. Walker:
Enclosed you will please find money order for $5.00 from Emmanuel Christian Church. This church is happy to be "One In that Number" to answer the appeal of President Watson, to pay off the $250.00 note. I will also send my personal donation of $5.00 to the Editor of the Christian PLEA in answer to his appeal for 100 persons to give five dollars for the support of the PLEA. I believe that the appeal made by the president and the editor are timely and should be supported by all our churches and brethren.

Your reelection as president of the National Negro Business League of America means much to the Christian Church. We are proud of you.

W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor

Notes From The Tri-State Area
R. Wesley Watson

Woodland Avenue Christian Church celebrated the 9th Anniversary of the pastorate of S. S. Myers, Tuesday evening, with a very appropriate program of music, readings and speeches. Many interesting observations were made by Mrs. Josephine Brashears and a most excellent address was made by Dr. Humbert on "The Pastor As A Layman Sees Him," Elder Nichols of the Independent Blvd. Church on "The Office of the Ministry," "The Pastor In Action" was spoken upon by our Nat'l President, R. Wesley Watson. Interesting remarks were given by the pastor, S. S. Myers. The ladies then presented the pastor and wife many gifts of appreciation for the nine years of service. Everyone left, having been inspired to go forward for this year. Much interest is being manifested in raising $500.00 for the purchase of a lot to build a new church and the City Mission is behind this movement.

President P. C. Washington of Jarvis College who is with the team holding the World Institute was guest speaker at Woodland Ave., Sunday morning and at 8th Street in Kansas City Sunday evening. The Tri-State Evangelist has been busy holding a good meeting in Madison, Mo., baptizing three and reviving the work, then assisting Elder J. P. Washington with plans to erect a new church home at the Capitol, Jefferson City, Mo. Much interest is being manifested in this area and in the next few weeks the evangelist will make a visit to Kansas and Oklahoma.
North Carolina Churches Show Growth

HUNDREDS WITNESS DEDICATION AT LITTLE ROCK

The second anniversary of the Second Christian Church, 905th Gains Street, Little Rock, Arkansas, was celebrated, October 20-26. Elder R. F. Hayes, the pastor, along with his official board, G. D. Jones, chairman; Fred D. Talley, Secretary-Treasurer; King David Cole, Bruce Curtis, John Martin, H. A. Coley, Leo Ball, Elder Taylor, E. H. Cole and Mose Daniels, are to be congratulated in making such progress within two years.

The opening program started Monday night, October 20, with Elder Roosevelt Moore, Pastor of the Mt. Sinai Church of Christ, North Little Rock, as the speaker. Tuesday evening, Superintendent Taylor E. H. Cole of the Sunday School was in charge. Rev. Emanuel C. Dyer, pastor of the First Baptist Church was the speaker, Wednesday night, Rev. N. Evans, pastor of Evangelical Temple was the speaker, Fred D. Talley was in charge. Thursday night, Rev. G. Chilton Christian, pastor of First Congregational Church was the speaker, with Mr. Vernon F. McMurray in charge. Friday evening, Elder J. O. Bowls, pastor of the Cross St. Christian Church was speaker, Misses Barbara Rutledge, Geraldine Jones, Louis Cole and Allie Mae Thomas in charge. Sunday morning, Rev. R. F. Hayes, the pastor, was to bring the message but was incapacitated due to a sudden illness Saturday night. However, Prof. Merl R. Epps, Editor of the Christian Plea, Nashville, Tennessee, was present and spoke at the morning service.

In the afternoon, the meeting was held at the High Street lot which was being dedicated. Hundreds of people, in the face of rain, witnessed the deacons turn the good earth for Kingdom Building. Miss Paunice Hayes delivered the welcome address. Mr. Stacey brought greetings on behalf of the First Christian Church (white), N. Little Rock, Mr. L. R. Gravely (Continued on Page 2)

THANKSGIVING OFFERING 1941

Theme: Help Rebuild

The Thanksgiving offering turns our attention to the vital necessity of undergirding the educational and service program of the local church.

The causes that are emphasized during the Thanksgiving season are vital to the on-going of the local church. The causes exist to serve the churches. They are the service arms of the brotherhood through which its leadership is trained, its program enriched, and its service to the Kingdom of God enlarged.

Religious Education. The 1940 Year Book reports 1,133,375 children, young (Continued on Page 2)

PLEDGES COME IN FOR TAYLOR CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

We have a pledge of $1,000.00 on 33 acres and a 16 room brick house, costing $8,500.00, joining the Preston Taylor estate, at Nashville, Tenn. Send your pledge to Plea Office, at once (Continued on Page 3)
THANKSGIVING OFFERING
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people and adults in our church schools. These people are led by estimated 120,000 church school teachers and officers. To the department of religious education is entrusted the direct responsibility of helping churches to serve these people with a vital program of religious education.

The department maintains two great instruments of service—a national staff, and a field staff. The national staff devotes itself to creating educational materials and in building programs. The field staff brings help direct to the local church program building and the training of leaders. This help includes Vacation Church schools, week-day church schools, summer conferences for young people and adults, leadership training enterprises for all age groups in general program building within state units by state commissions of Christian education. In other words, the total program of Christian education as it affects the life of the church is assisted by religious education.

State Missions. Thirty-eight states cooperate in Unified Promotion. These states have general oversight of the work of the church directly through the state missionary societies. They advise and counsel about financial problems, evangelistic campaigns, ministerial location, and local church programs. The state societies also serve the brotherhood at large. They occupy the key position between the church and the general brotherhood.

Christian Colleges. Out of the Christian colleges come the educational leaders. Without these Christian institutions there can be no future for the brotherhood.

The Board of Higher Education. The Board of Higher Education has as its task the educational cultivation of the brotherhood in regard to its need for Christian education. It gives curricular and administrative counsel to the colleges cooperating in the International Convention and maintains contacts with other boards of higher education.

Social Education. Through the program of Social Education there is provided information and action along such lines as world peace, goodwill, race relations, temperance, community welfare, rural life, economics, justice, industrial and labor relationships, and inter-church relationships. This service becomes the voice of the church making articulate our brotherhood in its endeavor to meet the great human problems confronting our world today.

The Thanksgiving offering at pres-
than 400 miles away. We arrived in Soperton about eight o'clock and found our way to the church. We were happy to be in that Convention because Brother Evans, now at Muskogee, Oklahoma, has been working with them and we felt that we could do some of the things that he has been doing. Our guess was right. We had conferences morning and afternoon. The whole Convention made up the class.

At the close of the Convention the church sent ten dollars to the National Convention, the Bible School sent four, and the W.M.S. sent two. This money is being sent to the respective treasurers of these organizations.

We were glad that conventions were over and at least we were on the home ward march. We stopped off in Knoxville, Tennessee, and had supper with Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Daniels and daughter, then drove on to London, Kentucky, where we spent two nights with the Walkers who pastor that section of our Master's vineyard. The truth is, Brother Wm. Walker is pastor of three churches and preaches for three others. Mrs. Walker does not do any preaching but she drives the car to all these points. They need the prayers of the Brotherhood because of this tremendous service and secondly because mountain driving is very dangerous all the time, especially during the winter months ahead.

At London we had our meeting at the First Church (white) with both congregations present. It was a very fine meeting and the fellowship was good.

Wednesday and Thursday nights we stopped with Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Saunders of the Danville Church. For some time I had promised Brother Saunders that I would come and have a conference with his local church leaders on program planning. Following a good prayer meeting we had a very fine discussion and exchanged some fine ideas. The second night meeting was successful also. After the transmission Mrs. Peoples mailed the Christian Plea and received her seventy-third subscription. Of course, many of them were renewals.

The next morning we were on our way to Indianapolis and home.

HUNDREDS WITNESS DEDICATION AT LITTLE ROCK

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spoke for the Letter Carriers; Attorney J. R. Book spoke for the lawyers; Prof. J. H. Lewis, Principal of Dunbar High School spoke for the Educators of the city. The Dunbar High School Band, under the direction of Prof. W. Lester Bowie rendered appropriate music. Prof. Merl R. Eppse, the main speaker, used as his subject: "Upon this Rock I Build my Church." His message was highly praised.

Dean R. J. Green, Arkansas Baptist College was Master of Ceremonies. This band of Christians are to be congratulated on going forward. Elder Hayes is held in high esteem. He will soon erect a building here and dedicate it "High Street Christian Church." Let the Brotherhood help them. Little Rock needs it.

1608 Bishop St.
Little Rock, Ark.
November 6, 1941

Prof. Merl Eppse
Tennessee State College
Tenn.

My dear Prof. Eppse:

We take this method to thank you for the cooperation shown us at church and at our Dedicatorial Services on our newly purchased lot on 18th and High Stree, Sunday, October 26, 1941.

Your address has been the talk of the town. We only wish you lived in Little Rock.

You have our support in all your undertakings for the uplift of humanity.

May success be yours.

Yours in Faith,

Elder R. F. Hayes, Pastor

FDT—r

THE UNITED CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ADVANCE

By Miss Carnella Jamison
General Secretary of Negro Organizations

We no doubt, if we think at all, that we are living in a very critical hour in American and in world history. The United Christian Education Advance is the answer of Christian education to the secularism and paganism and violence of our distraught and distressed generation.

Statistics reveal unsatisfactory growth in Sunday school church, and church membership (actual losses in many cases), over a period of years. Certainly there is need for concern, and for action, when in so-called Christian America, 17,000,000 children receive no Christian instruction, 10,000,000 are unchurched by Christian influence, 60,000,000 people are unchurched. That is not all. We have one divorce in every six marriages, one home in every four is touched by crime, 4,750,000 are enrolled today in the army of the lawless. Here, too, must be listed organized vice, dishonest business, corrupt politics, fanatical racial antagonisms, class distinction, a materialistic view of success dominating many areas of life.

A number of denominational plans and programs have been launched in these past few years for meeting the situation. There has been the Presbyterian Sunday School Advance; the Congregational Program of Progress; the Methodist Church School Advance; our own Disciples of Christ program to strengthen the church to advance the Kingdom of God.

At the same time various interdenominational working groups were planning advances—the United Christian Youth Movement, the United Christian Adult Movement, the Four year Four-fold Advance in Leadership Training, the Fellowship of Children's Workers.

The United Christian Education Advance, launched by the International Council of Religious Education is not a new thing, therefore, but rather the confluence of these many streams of concern and effort both denominational and interdenominational. It is, as someone has so well said, a united and cumulative attack upon spiritual illiteracy.

"Reach Every Person with Christian teaching"—that is the slogan of the advance. And how is it proposed to do this? In the home, through regular Bible reading and prayer; in the church through increased attendance, improved teaching for commitment to Christ as Lord and Savior, and for Christian discipleship; in the community through a vital Christian fellowship as the church in united effort, makes real and effective Christian community.

The advance will begin formally January 1 and run for a quadrennium. Enroll now through your Division of Christian Education of the United Church Missionary Society, and complete a packet of materials will be sent you to help you get ready for an advance in your church. What actually happens in your church and in mine will measure the Advance. The local church is the cutting edge of any effective program of Christian education. It is here that the ideals and motives of Christianity must be brought into vital relations with the actual experiences of living persons.

Many rival faiths—nationalism, communism, fascism, nazism are being proclaimed with evangelistic ardor and are claiming the allegiance of millions. Christian education sees in this its greatest challenge.

Dr. Moffat has a thrilling translation of Paul's words in Colossians 1: 28. "This is the Christ that we proclaim. We train everyone and teach everyone the full scope of this knowledge in order to set everyone before God mature in Christ." To this end a United Christian Education Advance.
"FOOTPRINTS ON THE SANDS OF TIME"

PROF. F. J. D. McKinney
A. and J. State College
Nashville, Tenn.

"You can do as much as you think you can,
But you'll never accomplish more;
If you're afraid of yourself, young man,
There's little for you in store.
For failure comes from the inside first,
It's there if we only knew it,
And you can win, though you face the worst,
If you feel that you're going to do it."

—EDGAR A. GUEST

What in your opinion, is the most significant discovery of this modern age?
The finding of Dinosaur eggs on the plains of Mongolia, laid some 10,000,000 years ago?
The unearthing of the tombs of Egyptian kings and queens?
The discovery of radio? Wireless Airplanes?
No, not any of these. The really significant thing about them is that man is, in a small way, beginning to understand the "Life Principle."
This is the greatest discovery that every man can call upon this "Life Principle" at will. To realize the truth of this, one must go back to the very beginning of things. It matters not whether you believe that man is to be a First Cause, a Creator. Some power had to bring to this earth the first germ of Life. If we accept the scientific version, the first form of which Life that appeared upon the earth was the humble Algae, a jelly-like mass which floated upon the water. Thus, the dawn of the first life.
Next came the first bit of animal life, the lowly Amoeba, a jelly-fish, consisting of only one cell. All the millions of forms and shapes and varieties of life—formed to meet different conditions.
Now! Let us ask the question—why does man exist? Man exists for the one and only purpose of growth. Life is dynamic not static. The one unpardonable sin of nature is to stand still, to stagnate.
Egypt and Persia, Greece and Rome, all the great Empires of old, ceased to be when they ceased to grow. China built a wall around herself and stood still for a thousand years. Today she is the most backward country of the major countries. Your future is of your own making. For the only law of infinite energy is the law of supply.

THANKSGIVING NOTICE
Dear Superintendent, Minister and Bible School Workers
Thanksgiving will soon be here. What have you done about it? Is your church and Bible School making preparation to celebrate Thanksgiving in the Spirit of the Master?
Are we really thankful to God for the blessings we have enjoyed this year? Are we conscious of how badly our world needs Christ and the Christian teachings? Will you as a leader in your church and Bible school pledge yourself to help make Thanksgiving a real Christian experience? It was said of Jesus that, "He went about doing good."
Plan a special religious program for the children and adults of your church and encourage them to give a special offering to missions. Yes, urge them to give so that Christian teaching and preaching can be more firmly established in the hearts and lives of men.
May I hear from you at any time. Sincerely,
R. H. PEOPLES,
National Secretary

TAYLOR CHRISTIAN COLLEGE URGED
"We need a brotherhood college to train our young men for ministers and our young women for missionaries," says Robert L. Wilson, 904 South Naches Ave., Yakima, Washington.
I will send $100 next month. I will give more later on. Please list me as a member of the National Council of Christian Men.

VACANT PULPITS
1. Gay Street Christian Church, Nashville, Tennessee
2. Clay Street Christian Church, Paducah, Kentucky
3. Oxford Christian Church, Oxford, Ohio
4. Rockford Christian Church, Rockford, Illinois
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7. Christian Church, Savannah, Tennessee
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18. Reported by, Mrs. R. H. Peoples, (Bulk Pleas) $1.00
19. Reported by, Mrs. Mamye E. Queen, 1702 Madison Ave., Baltimore, Md., (for bulk Pleas) 1.50
21. Total $73.85

The Executive Committee has not reported what the $579.01 was spent for, nor do we know what has become of the remaining $822.50. We hope to be able to give you these facts in the next issue. In answer to your many queries, the Plea can only say that an itemized statement has not been received as yet. The Plea is anxious to get a complete report from the Convention. The Bible School; The Christian Endeavor; and the Woman’s Missionary Society. Please send them in at once to the Plea office. President Watson states that the minutes will be out in a few weeks.
PRESIDENT'S FIRESIDE CHAT

My Dear Fellow-workers:

The many fine reports of the work cheered me as I read of them and we congratulate all who are at work. I am happy to say I am much better at this writing and am on the “Firing Line.” Our minutes are now in the press and will be in your hands soon. We do hope that all of us will get to work now for the next convention and make it the best for we have now a foundation of twenty-five years to build upon. The time is here now for us to get behind the whole program of the convention and have some real progress to report at the next convention. Let us make our conventions more than a meeting place of hearing reports, paying bills and Fellowship. Personally I want to see the Brotherhood thru our National Convention get down to helping build churches, maintaining ministers at weak churches and sustaining the National Evangelist that he may be able to devote all of his time for the preaching of the Gospel and being fully supported so that he will be able to give all of his time to the task that he is so fully able to do, then even the weaker churches may have his services for he will be sustained by us as a National Group. Some may say that it can not be done. As a reason for saying it can be done I will mention one case. A. W. Davis, our Diamond Evangelist did a very fine work and was well supported by our group and we do have one great building and a parsonage to show that came as a result of his being on the field, we may not have paid it all but Davis was our inspiration that gave us the present building in Kansas City, Kansas and I am sure we can have more buildings built by our National Evangelist if we as a National Group will get behind him and undergird him for the task. The convention must also support the office of Field Secretary, in order that she will be able to promote the program of our National Convention by going among the churches and challenging them for a greater work. Our convention must place a “Jerusalem” if you please where the women will be charged and surcharged with a burning passion for Kingdom Building and when they return to the local church they will rekindle in the hearts of the membership a desire to share in the Total Program of our National Convention. Yes I plead for us to keep alive the local church for after all it is the local church that gives rise to all things, save, help maintain the local church, and we have saved the National Convention. Too long we have left them to shift for themselves and in turn they have left us to shift for ourselves in a large way.

It will be good Christianity also good business sense for our National Convention to “Court” all of our local churches by having a closer contact with them thru our Field Secretary (General). She is well able to do a good job and one that will make for us a stronger National Convention. Say what you will the time is now ripe for us to do some growing and the only way to grow is that the field must be cultivated. Elder R. E. Hathaway, a very able minister of Kentucky, one who was among the founders of our work was asked, “How come he had so many fine looking sheep?” He replied: “By caring for my lambs.” Let us as a National Convention care for the lambs (the weaker and small churches). I am real proud of the relationship that we as a convention sustained in helping to develop the Washington Church. O! May history repeat itself somewhere else!

We have so many worthy churches, some have been great churches and have played an important part in the work but now are at the place if a little guidance, some help to develop leadership and sustain them as they grow would mean their salvation. We appreciate all that Our Bigger Brother, The Home Department has done and is doing for our work with the “LIMITED FUNDS,” they have truly worked miracles. I do not at all mean in any way to be unmindful nor unappreciative of their great Care but I do want to make us a Brotherhood CONSCIOUS of doing some things as a National Convention in this direction. And also to awaken the missions not to remain missions all of their lives but to grow up and then adopt some other missions and help them grow up and then they too help some other missions. Such a place of growth the churches and preachers would grow if this could be done. “The ultimate end of missions is to so develop that there be no need of missions. God grant that we may carefully and prayerfully weigh this matter and then from our bended knees do something definite by making definite pledges to our National Convention and PAYING THESE PLEDGES.”

Fellow-workers, in a short time your National Apportionment will come to you as a church, will you not take it seriously and pay it. I am happy to say that if we do we will not have to be in the red for any thing in 1942. Hoping to see the work grow and assuring you that the Going forward of the church and of the National Convention depends on you and me.

Sincerely yours,

R. WESLEY WATSON

Bro. New Comer: Good morning Bro. Old Timer, I was very happy to have won work today. I am sure you and your good people this morning and I want to thank you for the very inspiring gospel message that you brought. I do so much admire your sincerity, and appreciate the abundance of scriptures you quoted to illuminate, inspire and clinch the sermon. I think that all went home helped. You sure helped me.

Bro. Old Timer: Bro. New Comer, I am happy to know that the message helped you and I had no idea that you were in my audience until I sat down. Well, I agree with the great apostle, “The gospel, it is still the power of God unto salvation” and being the old man I am I do have to rely on in, not being familiar with the many “Ologies” that you young men have, I have to at all times rely on the Bible for my sermons.

Bro. New Comer, I am now from now on rely on the Bible and do my best to be real serious. I see that we have some vacant pulpits and have been looking with a longing to probably pastor some of them. What do you think of it, Bro. Old Timer?

Bro. Old Timer: Bro. New Comer, you are now in a promising field and I do think that you ought to remain there and develop it, you need to get all the experiences and that field will do as much for you and probably more for you than you can for them, therefore stay where you are.

Bro. New Comer: Bro. Old Timer, I appreciate your advise and will stay at my present field and work real hard to make that church a great church. Will you not promise to help me with the problems that may arise as I am sure they will? I do have so much confidence in your ability.

Bro. Old Timer: Bro. New Comer, you may depend on me. First of all I would suggest that you spend much time with the Lord in prayer and study your Bible. Cultivate the friendship of every man on your official Board, always be ready to let them tell you something about the work, they too have some rich experiences and will be able to help you out a good many times. Endeavor to be a part of everything in the church, knowing that you are a leader of everything and the best way to be a good leader is to be a good follower.
JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
By Venita O. Carney
Hawkins, Texas
“Around the Campus”

Up to October 31 of the 1941-1942 session 102 freshmen had registered, 43 sophomores, 32 juniors, and 26 seniors. Five students living on the campus attend the high school in Hawkins. Five other students have registered for special work in music.

The Jarvis Football team returned from Austin Saturday after thrashing Samuel Huston College 26-6. The game and performance between the teams was a gala event of the year. All Jarvis-ites and friends are invited to be present. Jarvis plays Tillotson College at this time.

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE
JOHNNIE A. HOWARD
Edward, Miss.

S. C. I. welcomes to its staff this year Mrs. O. J. Rasberry of Liberty, N.C., in the field of social science; Mrs. G. S. Jackson and two daughters, Betty and Catherine who are enrolled in the high school. Miss Anderson heads the music department and comes from Chicago, Ill.; in the dining room and kitchen is Mrs. C. P. Rollins. Her two children, Florice and Edward are enrolled in the elementary school.

At these new additions S.C.I. looks forward to a successful year.

Miss Hazel Bacon, after a year's leave has returned to serve as Dean of the school with Miss Irene Martin assisting.

On September 12, dedicatory services for Lehman Hall were held in the Taylor Recreation Room of that building. Dr. Robert M. Hopkins delivered a very inspiring message. State secretaries from Texas, Arkansas and Mississippi were present for the service, also many visitors from Jackson and Vicksburg. Miss Carrnella Jamison spoke briefly of the department she represents; Mrs. Rosa B. Bracey brought greetings from the National Convention of the Disciples of Christ. Mrs. Preston Taylor presented a lovely oil painting of the late Preston Taylor, this painting hangs in the Taylor Recreation Room.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ratten are mother and father for the young men in their new home.

On October 4, the Y.W.C.A. sponsored the second all school social of the year. The third all school social of the year was a Halloween party. Miss Cornelius Ward received the prizes for the most complete disguise, and Albert Lee for being the most efficient rogue; he was successful in stealing the most articles during the evening.

The first Inter-Racial Council meeting of the year was held on Campbell College Campus with Mrs. Ames, General Secretary of the National Inter-Racial Council as speaker. Eighteen representatives were present from S.C.I. On November 2, the Council met with Jackson College, and was addressed by Mr. Bullock of Millsaps College.

On the evening of October 5, the staff members gathered at the Mansion for a Pot Luck Supper. On November 2, Mr. and Mrs. Ratten, Mrs. Jackson and Miss Bacon were hosts for the group in the Home Economics department.

Pres. and Mrs. Peter Washington and family with Mr. Emmett Dickson of Jarvis College were guests for a few hours during the first week of school.

President Long is spending the greater portion of his time away from the campus in interest of the Emergency Million Campaign. During his absence the pulpit is being filled by members of the Ministerial Association under the leadership of Mr. B. L. Jacobs.

Prof. Bowman, principal of Magnolia High School in Vicksburg met with the teaching force of S.C.I. on October 6, and shared with the group some of his experiences and experiments in the field of education.

Marian Anderson sang in the Jackson Municipal Auditorium on October 20th. A chartered bus carried a group from S.C.I. to see and to hear this great artist.

Mrs. Alice Cowan and the young women of Smith Hall had their first monthly Sunday night supper on October 12. Invited guests were Mrs. O. J. Rasberry and Mrs. G. S. Jackson.

Mr. B. L. Jacobs reports a fine crop. The fall garden is furnishing appetizing food for the table.

Pres. and Mrs. Lehman, Miss Los Lehman and Prof. and Mrs. Behout were on the campus for the dedication of Lehman Hall. Miss Lois Lehman recently spent a week-end on the campus, and made herself vital in our campus life by playing for the grand march, speaking to the college Sunday School class, and to the Intermediate Christian Endeavor Society.

The Student Council has held its initial meeting for the year and elected as officers Nimrod Tonsund, President; Elwood Powell, Vice President; Margaret Berry, Secretary.

Probably, the most enjoyable event of the year was the visit of the Jarvis football team, Coach and Mrs. C. G. Mosley and son, Gene, Assistant Coach E. J. Dickson, Mrs. Odessa Howard Waters and son, John Howard to our campus. The Jarvis football boys were entertained at a social in the Taylor Recreation Room on their way to Alcorn to engage in a gridiron battle.

The chorus, under the direction of Mrs. G. S. Jackson, will broadcast over W.J.D.X. of Jackson, Miss., on November 14.
NOTES FROM THE OLD ASPARAGUS BED

A. D. Gault, Reporter
Route 2, Mayslick, Kentucky

Hello Friends! I would just like to say we are still on the firing line in the old Asparagus bed. Since our great National Convention everything is going well. Rev. E. B. Toles has been bringing rich sermons. The pews in the church have been painted. Our annual fall meeting was held Sept. 30th-Oct. 5th. Rev. R. L. Sanders of Danville did the preaching. The following are some of the subjects he preached from: "The State of the Church," "The Wheat and the Tares," "The Sufficient God," and "Life Insurance Policy with Christ." We had good crowds each night, and Sunday the church was packed. We raised $108.10.

A GREAT DISTRICT MEETING IN OLD ASPARAGUS BED

A. D. Gault, Bible School Secretary of District 3
Route 2, Mayslick, Ky.

District 3 held its first meeting in this convention year at Mayslick, Ky., Sept. 27-28. Rev. H. T. Wilson, Carlisle, Ky., President of the church work in this district presided. Other departments ready for their business meetings were called to order by Pres. Wilson. Devotions led by A. D. Gault, Mayslick. Greetings from all Departments. At 10:30 Rev. H. D. Griffin, State Evangelist, brought a sermon. The theme of the meeting was "Church Problems." S. J. Conway, Elder of the Millersburg Church led a discussion on the theme, "Officers of the Church."

In the afternoon, the devotional part was led by S. J. Conway of Millersville. Rev. C. W. Arnold of Columbus, Ohio, who was holding a meeting for Rev. I. H. Moore at Little Rock, visited the meeting along with Rev. Moore. He brought a fine sermon using of a subject "Luke-warm Church Members."

At 7:30 the evening session started with devotions led by Mr. V. B. Hotz of Mayslick. Miss Mary M. Butler, President of the Bible School Work of District 3, gave a talk on the C. T. F. Mrs. Edith W. Bristow, State Bible School President, gave a talk on young people. Mrs. Emily Robinson of Paris had a paper on church problems from the youth's side. Sunday 10 A.M. brought Bible School session. At 11:00 A.M., morning worship was held. Rev. H. T. Wilson, our president did the preaching. His subject was, "I am that I am." In the afternoon many of the members attended a meeting at Cane Ridge, Ky. The following are the ministers who were in the meeting: H. T. Wilson, Carlisle; H. D. Carilie, William Owens, Winchester; I. H. Moore, Little Rock; C. W. Arnold, Columbus, Ohio; they did much to make it a great meeting. Our next meeting is due in January at Covington, where President of State Convention is pastor, Rev. L. L. Dickerson.

BROADWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS

231 West Broadway
Rev. Wm. Wm. Owens, Pastor
Winchester, Kentucky

The PLEA grows more interesting monthly. The convention left us with such a sense of fitness of things, in general—that the inspiration gained is still working. We came home and went right to work. First thing, we put in a week of evangelistic service for Elder Moore at Little Rock, regaining 10 sheep that had strayed from the fold (one from the Baptist Church). There was a fine group of people at this place to work with, as well as a very generous group. We were well paid for the trip. We then went back home to work in a rally for funds to rebuild and redecorate our church, in readiness for the entertainment of the Kentucky State Convention in July, 1942. Our people gave gladly from $100 on down. With nothing but pledges and offering, five hundred and some odd dollars were reported. Elder Everett and his good folks from Midway and some of the good folks from our old field at Nicholasville came over and gave wonderful fellowship in song, sermon and money in the afternoon. We also felt the touch of the hand of our friend C. H. Dickerson, who always comes to our rescue. We are planning to make the church here one of the beauty spots of Kentucky.

NOT NORTH CAROLINA FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH CELEBRATES

Rev. P. K. Alexander, Minister
Mrs. E. E. Byers, Reporter
75 Cline St., Concord, N.C.

The Eighth anniversary of the pastor of the First Christian Church, Concord, N.C., was held beginning Mon., Sept. 22, through Oct. 5, 1941. The program follows:

Monday, September 22nd
First Congregational pastor and choir served, S. A. Kiser, supply pastor. The preacher's text was Isa. 1:18. Subject: Stepping Stones. He very beautifully began the service by outlining the stepping stones to a successful pastorate. The leader for the night was Mrs. Lillie King. Her collection was $8.85.

Tuesday, September 23rd
Westminster Presbyterian Church pastor and choir, Rev. H. Wilson. The subject of Rev. Wilson's sermon was very much in line with the anniversary, the theme being, "A Church Loyalty Campaign," Mrs. Cora Douglas, leader. Collection $26.85.

Wednesday, September 24th

Thursday, September 29th

Friday, September 26th
Seven Brothers Union, Rev. W. E. Lucky, Pres. The texts used by two of the preachers were Matt. 24, subject, "Signs of the Times." Job 14:4. Mrs. Wilma Ingram also preached ten minutes. Leader, Mrs. Maxie Alexander. Collection $12.35.

Saturday, September 27th
The Deacon's Union held all night prayer services. Leader, Mrs. Viola Wagoner. Collection $12.10.

Sunday, September 28th

Monday, September 29th
Primitive Baptist Church and pastor, Rev. C. M. Risby. Text: James 1:27. Subject, "True Religion." He brought out the fact that there are
several kinds of religions in the world. Leader, Mrs. Frances Ingram. Collection $15.23.

Tuesday, September 30th

Beulah Baptist Church and pastor, Rev. L. Phifer. Text, John 1:12. Subject, "Ways of Success to a Christian Life." tekst by the speaker.

There are seven steps as brought out by the speaker.
1. Beginning (a) Belief in Christ
2. Confession
3. Studying God's Word
4. Prayerfulness
5. Labor
6. Giving
7. Perseverance

The leader of the evening was Mrs. E. E. Byers. Collection $17.25.

Wednesday, October 1

Rev. L. R. Williams, Bethel A. M. E. Zion Church. Text, Joshua 17:15. Leader, Miss Sallie Faggert. Collection $5.15.

Thursday, October 2nd


Friday, October 3rd


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Rev. L. R. Williams, Bethel A. M. E. Zion Church. Text, Acts 3:6. Subject, "A Gift from God." One interesting point brought out was "many of us are crippled today spiritually because they don't know Jesus." Leader, Mrs. Mary Douglass. Collection $8.00.

A short program of two numbers was rendered before the sermon. Mrs. Alma Byers of Beulah Baptist Church spoke on "Missions." Mrs. Sadie Yelling, a coloratura soprano, Zion Hill Methodist Church, very beautifully sang "Ave Maria," and "A Star," accompanied by Mrs. Esther Byers.

Sunday, October 5th

3 P.M. Torrence Chapel A. M. E. Church and pastor, Rev. N. Jones. Text, Luke 24:46, 47, 48, 49. Subject, "The Promise of Power from on High." Points derived from the message were: Power is energy, Life is a gift, Talent a thought, and power is needed in any walk of life.


Mrs. Bessey Best Mitchell, formerly a member, now living in Gastonia, N.C., sent $5.00 to help in this cause. The pastor and church are grateful to Mrs. Mitchell and constantly pray God's blessings on her.

The services closed with a program Sunday night, Mrs. Wilma Ingram in charge. The program follows: Singing, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee,"

Invocation, Mr. Charles Wallace, talks in behalf of Elders by Mr. C. M. Waggoner and M. H. Hudson; talks in behalf of Deacons by Mr. L. J. Douglas, Charles Wallace, J. T. Wallace, Harrison Ingram, Henry Hahue, William Brown; talks in behalf of Stewardess Club by Mary Douglas; talk in behalf of the Y. P. A., Clubby Lilly Byers; in behalf of Sunday School by C. M. Waggoner, President, Lillie Byers; in behalf of Pastor's Aid by Sallie Faggert; in behalf of Missionary Society by E. E. Byers, President.

Chairman of Deacon Board V. B. Byers.

Duet, "He'll Understand and Say, 'Well Done'" by V. B. Byers and E. E. Byers.

Expressions from: Mrs. Dye (visitor), Mrs. Ella White (eldest lady of the church), Mrs. Mamie Wallace (mother of Mrs. Wallace). Response coming from the pastor's family; paper read by Louise Alexander.

Benediction.

A total of $175.00 as collected in this drive.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESOLUTIONS

"Be thou faithful until death and I will give thee a crown of life". Rev. 2:10.

We the members of the Sunday School have not words to express our love to the pastor who has served us for eight years. In his teaching in the Bible School, he has shown us the things we need to have external life. It was he who thought of reorganizing the Bible School in June 1941. His plan has proved successful. We hope what has been said will encourage him to go on towards his goal. "Ne'er think the victory won nor lay thine armor down, the works of faith will not be done, till thou obtain the crown."

We trust your works will achieve and cherish a just and lasting crown so that others can profit by them. Too, you can boldly say, "If all the members of my Bible School were like me, what kind of school would my school be?"

Well done thou good and faithful servant, you have been faithful over a few things, now I will make thee ruler over many.

C. M. Waggoner, Supt.
Lillie Byers, Sec.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

STEWARDESS CLUB NO. 2

RESOLUTIONS

We the members of Club No. 2, of the First Christian Church, Concord, N.C., do not have words to express our gratitude to our pastor, Rev. P. K. Alexander, who has been our leader for eight years. We all love and cherish him. He has been an inspiration to us, by his ever readiness and willingness to do whatever he can to build up the club. His friendliness has brought many friends to the meetings, also many new members. We will do all we can to keep him another eight years or more. May God bless him and family.

Kathleen Wallace, Sec.
(Mrs.) Lillie King, Pres.

THE Y. P. A. CLUB

We, the members of the Y. P. A. Club, wish to express our appreciation to the pastor for organizing our club two years hence. He has been a pillar to the club since its organization. During this anniversary we have tried to show him that we are loyal by attending the services each night. We have tried with all sincerity to respect him, obey his teachings, honor him as pastor, follow his instructions in the club meetings as best as we can.

We know what we have done cannot repay him, but at least he can see we appreciate him, our leader.

Concluding, we say, "By setting our goals higher in the future we will be able to achieve a better knowledge and understanding of our club and our pastor."
We wish to encourage him to go on and may God bless all his undertakings.

Lillie Byers, Sec.
Louise Alexander, Pres.

W. H. (Baltimore) TAYLOR REPORTS TO DR. WALKER ON NOTE PLEA

Enclosed you will please find money order for five dollars from the Second Christian Church of Hagerstown, Maryland. This five dollars is an answer to the appeal made by President Watson. The Christian Church of Hagerstown is always ready to do its share in any worthwhile movement.

Our church is moving along in a fine way, a few days ago we baptized four souls into Christ. Our attendance and offerings are rapidly increasing. I am sending my personal donation this day to the Editor of the Plea in answer to his appeal for five dollars from one hundred persons.

CLARK STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH
ELDER F. C. CAREY, Pastor
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MRS. N. T. FUDGIN, Reporter

P.O. Box 670 Greenville, Texas

On the Fourth Sunday in October the Clark St. Christian Church was wonderfully blessed to have in our midst as guest speaker for the day, Elder Gill, Instructor of Religious Education, Jarvis College, in absence of Elder Carey who, incidentally is enrolled in one of Elder Gills' courses.

Mrs. Gill and their darling little daughter Barbara Gene were also present. Two wonderful messages were received by an appreciative audience. We are looking forward to the next visit.

The Ladies Aid presented a unique program on the first Sunday in this month. Each Sunday night a program of this type will be presented by different auxiliaries.

YOUNGSTOWN HONORS
ELDER F. T. BARNETT
“COLORFUL THIRD ANNIVERSARY”
By W. J. AYERS
P. O. Box 446

The Federal St. Christian Church Choir, Youngstown, Ohio

Federal St. Christian Church Choir, Youngstown, Ohio

text was taken from Acts 20:31-35. It was indeed a Pre-anniversary message. The church was beautifully decorated with fall flowers and palms. Huge letters of gold and bronze extended across the beautiful auditorium which read, “Pastors Third Anniversary.” The program climaxed with the afternoon service. Mrs. Hubert Summers was mistress of ceremonies. Quartets and instrumental selections were rendered by neighboring churches. Our own Elder Stephen Coleman delivered the anniversary message. Elder and Mrs. Barnett were presented with a $40 purse. He has raised over $1,000 since he has been with us. More than thirty members have been added to the church.

May God bless him that he may continue this great work. On Sunday, November 2 the choir accompanied him to the Bolendale Church of Christ (white) at which time they were dedicating their new church building.

OBITUARY OF FAITHFUL DETROIT MEMBER

Mrs. Rosa Crawford, the fourth child of Rev. John M. Baker and Mrs. Nannie Baker was born August 18, 1905 in the State of Mississippi in Claiborn Co. She became a christian at an early age and was very faithful worker at all times in the church of her community during her early childhood. She was married to Mr. Henry Crawford, March 6, 1924 and remained faithful and loyal to her family and home until the end. A short time after marrying they moved to St. Louis, Mo., and there she placed her membership with the Centennial Christian Church and was a faithful worker in it for 13 years. Almost two years ago they moved to Detroit, Mich. The first Sunday that she was in Detroit she joined the United Christian Church and has been a very faithful worker in Bible School, Christian Endeavor Society, Choir, Ladies Aid Society and was serving as deaconess at her passing.

Friday, October 24, 1941 she became ill and was removed from her home Tuesday for medical aid in the Grace Hospital. Thursday evening, about 7:40 p.m. she departed this life, at the age of 36 years 2 months and 2 days. She leaves to mourn her death a beloved husband and one son, a dear mother and father, two sisters, four brothers, and a host of other relatives and friends.

We love you but God loved you best
So you must go your way
And we must go ours
Near, yet so far
There is a great veil between us;
We'll sigh sometimes to see thy face,
But since this cannot be,
We'll leave you to the care of him,
who cares for you and me.

May we mourn for those who rest
In Paradise so fair
But rather try to do our best to
Meet the moyer there.
THE SAINT LOUIS AREA
CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

On the evening of November 5, 1941, the Saint Louis area, Christian Youth Fellowship was organized. The most unique point of its origin is that it is a result of the meetings that have been held for the last three months for the planning of youth sessions in the area convention. The fellowship and the desire to further fellowship activity was expressed and urged strongly by the Young People who were representing their churches. It was my great privilege to work on the committee for program and organization.

Our committee felt that an organization for Young People for the areasDisciples would be wise and worthwhile for such reasons as these:
1. To aid each local church develop a well rounded successful C.Y.F. for its Young People.
2. To carry on public welfare and social projects.
3. To attain a greater relationship between the youth of our fellow churches.

The policies of the organization are to be guided by an Executive Committee composed of two young people under 25 and one adult from each church. (Note the use of adults throughout the whole C.Y.F. program).

The organization is using the missionary year to avoid confusion of dates.

There is a definite plan to link the organization to the state programs that are of our Brotherhood, and interdenominational. The officers of such organizations are ex-officio members of the executive committee. There is to be a definite promotion of Summer Conferences. Also provisions of well planned Youth meets, officers' retreats for leadership training. Other projects proposed are:
1. To establish an exchange and reference library on Young People's work.
2. To help establish and build rural mission churches.
3. To make useful studies of community problems and take an active part in world peace projects.

The convention as a whole was well pleased with the action taken by the Youth and is planning to take similar steps. Many of the youth are anxious to form units in their own churches.

—EVELYN C. DUNN
Vice Pres. Christian
Endeavor, Christian
Youth Fellowship

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

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 VIRGINIA, WEST VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA
TRI-STATE ECHOES

"These ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, this is the way."

Isa. 30:21

By EVANGELIST R. L. PETERS

614 Hickory St., Winston-Salem, N.C.
Phone 7865

All churches and ministers in the Tri-State Area seem to be getting along fine. Rev. Eugene Patterson, of Tazewell, Va., has been to the State of Kentucky and held a very successful meeting at Mt. Sterling. This is the first evangelistic meeting out of his own immediate field of labor—Virginia.

Thanksgiving is drawing near and we are asking all the churches to raise a respectable sum of money for our National work.

EVANGELISM

The National Evangelist closed a two weeks meeting (revival) at Danville, Ky., October 26th. Results: 14 accessions, 14, the greater portion adults by primary obedience. Ages from 8 to 75 years. Offering $146.00 Said offering took care of all expenses, including the Evangelist, and left a small balance in the Church Treasury.

The meeting was largely attended by people from adjacent towns, cities, and rural districts. Great interest was manifested from start to finish. At times the church was filled to overflow. The last night was a great climax, couldn't seat the people. The meeting closed against the wishes of the people.

The Minister and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Sanders are doing a splendid work in Danville. The official staff is made up of some of the best business men of the city; and they are taking care of the church and the minister in a very fine way. The choir was in their seats every night and sang to the glory of God.

The Evangelist is at present in Roanoke, Va., conducting a two weeks revival at Ninth Avenue Christian Church. The meeting will close November 7th. It is now one week old; 8 accessions, total; interest running high; good crowds.

Rev. M. C. Dickson is pastor in charge. He is an excellent pastor and is doing a great work in Roanoke. Will give a complete write-up of his work and meeting at the close of the revival.

The Christian Youth Fellowship of Tri-State and Piedmont Area, met in Winston-Salem, N.C., October 17-19. Spencer Memorial Christian Church, which the National Evangelist is pastor, was host. He sincerely regrets that he could not be present. The church reports that the conference was largely attended by one of the finest and most intelligent groups of young people that ever came to Winston-Salem. And that the church and city were wonderfully helped by their coming. They say that every member of the faculty was a specialist in their line of work. Dr. R. H. Peoples is doing a wonderful work in uniting all forces of the church throughout the Brotherhood.

THE INDIANA AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

By ALMA P. CUMMINGS
4413 Indiana Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

Sunday, October 5th, was Homecoming Day, here at Indiana Avenue. At 11:00 a.m., our pastor held a memorial service for the thirteen members, who passed on into the beyond.

Recognition was given to all, who had been continuous members of the church for the last twenty years.

After the service members and friends were served a carefully prepared dinner. Miss Lucille Palmer was chairman. Testimonies and the singing of familiar songs from the new song books made the celebration the grandest in the history of Indiana Avenue Church.

Climaxing the day was the rendition of the Gospel Chorus first musical of the season with Miss Evelyn Smith directing and Miss Lucille Ramsey at the piano.

The Missionary Society, held their regular Fourth Sunday round-table discussion with Miss Deborah Smith leading. The theme was "Democracy in Theory and in Practice." Mr. Nathan S. Parker was the guest speaker. Miss Fenton Hamilton, President.

The Volunteers Club under the guidance of Mrs. Nellie R. Smith sponsored a tea, this was the opening campaign of Burn-the-Mortgage, which will take place sometime next year.

The Church School held their promotion and program, with Mrs. Fannie H. Clark as chairman. Each child was given a certificate of recognition and promotion.

Elder James H. Kittrell, pastor of the Junior Church was elected director of Religious Education to serve the unexpired term of Mr. Thomas P. Green who has gone to college to complete his education.
NoVEMBER, 1941

The Senior Choir, under the leadership of Mrs. Goldie Guy Martin, director; Mrs. Elizabeth Pickard, President, have resumed their monthly musicals. Mr. Theodore Martin officiated as Master of Ceremonies in his own inimitable way.

Some of the outstanding visitors who worshipped with us recently were Mrs. J. E. Walker, the wife of Dr. J. E. Walker, who is one of the pillars of the Mississippi Blvd. Christian Church, Memphis, Tennessee and Carmella Jamison who needs no introduction.

MISSISSIPPI BOULEVARD CHRISTIAN CHURCH
MRS. C. E. ROWAN, Reporter
625 Mississippi Blvd.
Memphis, Tenn.

"Home-Coming Day" was observed Sunday, November 3, 1941, at the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church. The Pastor, Rev. B. T. Hunt, preached a soul-stirring sermon. A large number was in attendance.

"Loyalty Day" was considered the greatest of the days observed this Fall at the Second Congregational Church, when Rev. B. T. Hunt, Pastor of Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church, preached on "The Song of the Falling Leaves." A quartette from Mississippi Blvd. Church composed of Misses Emma Lee and Foster Wilson and Messrs. J. A. Swazy and M. W. Bonner furnished music for the occasion. Rev. J. A. G. Grant is Pastor of Second Congregational Church.

We are glad to note that our Christian Endeavor is one among the liveliest auxiliaries of our church. During this hour, from seven to eight P.M., there is not a dull moment—congregational singing, solos, duets, quartettes, Bible quiz, prayers and short discussions. We find there are many ways to make interesting Endeavours. Our young people are realizing the opportunity offered them for development and are rapidly improving themselves. Prof. J. A. Swazy, Assistant Secretary of Universal Life Insurance Company, is President of the Christian Endeavor. He is ripe in experience in religious work. He having served the Youth Group for forty-five years.

The Woman's Missionary Society held a meeting at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Irwin, 166 Angelus Street.

After the business period, the group discussed different phases of "Democracy." The affable hostess, Mrs. R. A. Irwin, served a delectable ice cream.

SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH
From the Foot of the Ozarks
Little Rock, Ark.

ELDER R. F. HAYES, Pastor
1111 Jones St.

The Second Christian Church celebrated its second anniversary the week of October 26th. It was successful spiritually and financially. Rich in fellowship. We thank Revs. R. Moore, Mt. Sinai Christian Church; E. C. Dyer, First Baptist; N. Evans, Evangelistic Temple; G. C. Christian, First Congregational; J. O. Bowles, Cross Street for their inspiring messages and cooperation.

Sunday, October 26 was a high day. The dedication of the lot was inspirational and largely attended. The pastor had a sudden heart attack and was unable to be at the morning service. But we were fortunate in having prof. Eppse fill the pulpit.

The Russellville Church cooperated one hundred per cent. They arrived in time for Sunday School and remained throughout the day. Mrs. Mary Franklin, President of State Missions, and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Woodard and daughter, Mrs. Woodard is State Treasurer, and Bro. Scott.

Our Brotherhood has every right and should be very proud of Bro. Merl Eppse. We thought we heard him speak Sunday morning. But his dedicational address surpassed anything ever heard in Little Rock before. All who heard him anxiously await another opportunity to sit under the sound of his voice.

All of our churches have not responded to our call but we feel certain they will. We are sure all of them have the same desire as the Second Church. To restore the church through Christian giving, living love and cooperation.

We thank the following for their gift offering: Mr. and Mrs. James McKeen, Lexington, Ky., Atty. J. R. Book er, Dean R. J. Green, Mrs. Sarah Bostick, Mrs. Mary Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Woodard, Bro. Scott, Bro. K. D. Cole, Bro. Taylor Cole, Bro. Bruce Curtis, Elder Mose Daniels, Bro. F. D. Talley, Elder. R. F. Hayes, Mrs. Dixie Rutledge, Mrs. Annie Freeman, Second Christian Church, Rockford, Ill., Williamsburg Christian Church, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Those who were unable to send their offering October 26, but are planning to do so, their names will appear in a later issue of the Plea.

A card was received from Rev. T. R. Everett of Midway, Kentucky. We thank him for his prayers for our success.

Rev. Hayes had an invitation from Rev. C. W. Arnold of Columbus, Ohio to hold a meeting at Akron, Ohio but because of his physical condition was unable to do so. We wish him much success in this undertaking.

HIGH ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH
By MELVENIA E. BLAIR
405 East High St.
Mt. Sterling, Kentucky

The old traditional High Street Christian Church has had its storms and sunshine and rain, has been completely reorganized, and the new Board, Pastor's Cabinet and Church Department with Bible School and C.E.S. are all progressing in high under the leadership of the Pastor, Rev. J. E. Blair. The Church is paying all its bills each month.

We just closed our fall revival with Rev. Eugene Patterson, of N. Tazewell, Va., the great St. Peter of modern days. He preached with power each night and the church was greatly revived with an average attendance of two-hundred and fifty each night during the revival. On the closing night three were added to the church. Money raised $715. Rev. Patterson is possessed with a very pleasing personality. He is fearless, affectionate, and understood the delverance of his sermons which will go down as a monument in the minds of the members of our church.

ARNOLD REVIVES ROCKFORD CHURCH
By RUTH V. ROBINSON
2420 N. Church Street
Rockford, III.

From October 13 to the 24th, a very successful revival was conducted by a former pastor, Rev. Cornelius N. Arnold of Columbus, Ohio.

His stirring and powerful sermons, especially "Seven Detours on the Road that Leads to Hell" and "Can a Man Be Saved Outside the Church?" resulted in five additions to the church, two by baptism and three by statement.

A large and appreciative audience was present at every service. The offerings were also very good, with a total amount of $82.86 being raised.

Rev. Arnold came to Second Christian Church twelve years ago, it was his first charge. During his pastorate more additions were made to the church than that of any other minister.

While here, Rev. Arnold was entertained practically every night by the host of friends made during his pastorate.

A joint reception and farewell was held Thursday, October 23, immediate-
ly after services at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson, honoring Rev. Arnold and Rev. and Mrs. Heath who left October 31, for Jackson, Mississippi to work under the auspices of the United Christian Missionary Society.

During the month of October, a total of eleven additions have been made to the church.

The Annual "The Gathering of the Harvest," which is sponsored by the Willing Workers Club was held November 13. Fruits and vegetables brought to this program were distributed to widows and needy members of the church.

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I am very happy because we were able to call Elder G. E. Lakes as our pastor. Elder Lakes and his family came to us from Vicksburg, Miss. He and Mrs. Lakes are graduates of Southern Christian Institute. Elder Lakes also worked a while at S.C.I. after the retirement of Elder T. B. Frost. The Lakes family consists of Elder and Mrs. G. E. Lakes, Jean Eleanor, a little girl, and Roland Hayes, a little boy. The community and the church welcome the Lakes and wish them a long stay in our city.

Our National President and Tri-State Evangelist, Elder R. Wesley Watson paid us a visit last week. Due to the fact that it rained most of the week, he was unable to meet all of us together. But some of us saw him and had a very fine fellowship with him. He left us en route to Muskogee, Okla.

One of the outstanding programs, which is in progress, is a "Baby Contest," which will close December 2, 1941. This contest is sponsored by the "Willing Workers' Club," a club composed of adult members of the church.

December 10th, for Rockford, Ill. There he held a meeting for Elder D. W. Heath and his congregation. Brother Arnold felt highly honored when extended this invitation as it was his first pastorate. The meeting was a success both spiritually and financially.

October was a fine month for Monroe Avenue Church. Plans have been completed for our Fall Rally which will begin this month and end in December. We hope to raise $300 to apply on our heating plant and on other expenses of the church.

On October 8th, Rev. and Mrs. Arnold had as their house guest Elder W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor, who was en route to Covington, Ky., to hold a meeting for Elder L. L. Dickerson. During Brother Taylor's stay in the city, he preached at the Mid-Week service. His subject was "What is Right With the Church." His message was surely an inspiration to all who heard it. We extend to him words of appreciation for his visit which will long be remembered.

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The Annual Fall Festival which was sponsored by both aid societies of the church was quite a success. Mrs. Aileen Saunders and Mrs. Myrtle Gilbert deserve much credit for the splendid work they are doing as presidents of these organizations.

Sunday, November 29th, will be observed as Woman's Day at Monroe. Mrs. Pearl Allen will be the guest speaker for the day. We hope to raise at least half of our national apportionment which is $60. During the evening, the young people of the church will present a play under the direction of Mrs. C. W. Arnold.

In a recent meeting our pastor's salary was increased. Rev. Arnold is a hard working minister and pastor. More members of Monroe Avenue Christian Church are reading the Christian Plea now than any other time in its history.

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GAY STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN GAY HALLOWEEN SOCIAL
Nashville, Tenn.

The C. E. Society of Gay Street Christian Church at Nashville, Tenn., entertained the children at a Halloween Social, Thursday night, October 30, in the recreation room of the church.

The room was decorated with pumpkins and the usual Halloween colors. Various games and contests were enjoyed, prizes given accordingly. About 35 or 40 children celebrated the occasion.

The chaperones for the affair included Mrs. J. P. Walker, Mrs. Perkins, Mrs. Laura Parker, Mrs. Martha Evans, Mrs. E. Foster and Mr. Chester Ewing.

The next occasion is planned for the last week in November. This will be in the form of a "Community Social."

We cordially invite you to our C. E. Meeting each Sunday at 7:30 P.M.

ERNEST FOSTER, President
PAULINE EWING, Secretary

MONROE AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
ELDER C. W. ARNOLD, Minister
MRS. HANNAH BARNETT, Reporter
552 Albert St.
Columbus, Ohio

On the seventh of October, I left Baltimore for Columbus, Ohio. There I spent two days at the home of Elder and Sister Arnold, and preached at the Monroe Avenue Christian Church. On the tenth I was in Dayton in the home of Elder and Sister Wilbert, and I preached at the Norwood Avenue Christian Church. On the eleventh, I arrived in Covington, Ky., to preach two weeks at the Robin Street Christian Church, of which Elder L. L. Dickerson is pastor. While in Covington we visited the Lockland Christian Church, of which Elder Fowler is pastor. I had the honor of preaching to the Kentucky State Board in Lexington. I have never in all my life received such fine hospitality as I received in the homes and churches I visited. To me, the future looks bright for our churches and ministers where I have gone. They have Christian Wives which is a great help to any minister.

"My Brother Ministers, let no male or female come between you and your wife. If you do, you will impede the progress of the church; lose your standing with God, and become a disgrace to our Brotherhood-Brethren. Let the church roll on by lifting high the standard of morality in our ministry. The people will then follow where we lead, because Jesus said, 'Ye are the salt of the earth; but if the salt have lost its savor, whereby shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.'" Matt. 5:13.

BROADWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Germantown, Ky.

WILLIAM JOHNSON, Reporter
Route 1, Dover, Kentucky

A great revival began at the Broadway Christian Church in Germantown, Ky., on Monday Night, October 5th, and closed Sunday, October 12th. Our Evangelist was the Elder I. H. Moore, pastor of the Little Rock Christian Church, Little Rock, Ky.

Our former State Evangelist brought a soul stirring message each
it was established—we continue to win souls for the Lord. The subject of our Pastor’s morning service, November 2, was “Do You Know Him?” In the afternoon the missionary organization was in charge, we enjoyed a high time in the spirit of the Lord. The South Carolina Club was in charge of the service October 26th. Sister Cora Smith is President of the club. The Sunday afternoon services were preached by Sister Bertha Kennedy, of the Bethel Holiness Church, 114th Street, New York City. The Senior Choir accompanied our Pastor on September 9th, when he visited this church.

November 5th, the President of the Praying Band, Sister Mildred Orr, had Rev. Matthews, Savannah, Ga., to preach for the group. It was a great time.

Turkey will be given away Thanksgiving Day. Dinner will be served at 12 noon. The sick are: Sister Lenora Kasses, Sister Shelley Williams, and Mother Hynine. We ask the prayers of the Brotherhood.

ROBBIN STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH CELEBRATES TWENTY-ONE YEARS PROGRESS

MAGGIE J. JONES, Reporter
248 East Robbin Street
Covington, Kentucky

Month after month, year after year, for the past twenty-one years, faithful workers have made possible for Galley 9A—Christian Plea SHG the church to move steadily onward and upward with a rapid growth. Looking backward on the past with pride of its beginning, looking onward with joy to a greater future, our hearts are ever praising our Heavenly Father for these men and women who all have made it possible the continuance of this work that He has begun.

To the gardener it is a joy to watch the flowering of his plantings grow and bud and unfold petal by petal in all the glory of its kind. To the farmer it is life itself to plough to plant, to water, and to harvest. To the Christian, if he be a soul winner it is joy to watch the development and unfolding of a new life born of God.

Such has been the joy of the charter members of which only three are remaining. Elder J. J. Conway, Sister Alice Washington, and Elder Albert Wilson are the remaining three.

The month of August, four years ago marked the beginning of new life of the church under the spiritual guidance of our pastor, Elder L. L. Dickerson, who is a young man filled with fire and the power of God. He has been the means of bringing the churches of the city together in love and harmony. Under the guidance many souls have been added to the fold.

I hardly think we can find anywhere a more loyal and devoted membership than we have. It is true we are small, but only in membership; in spirit and zeal we can rightfully take our places besides the larger churches here and elsewhere.

In proportion to our numerical strength our attendance and finances are 50% above the average. We have a splendid group of men, three Elders and four Deacons. We have the best choir in the city and one of the best in the state.

Some of the things we have been able to accomplish are:
1. To maintain a splendid spirit of harmony and good-will among the entire membership, and increase the active membership 100%, the total membership 55%.
2. Raise our current expenses in full through our weekly offerings. Raise a definite and considerable sum each year for our building debt.
3. Contribute something each year for missions. This, however, we hope to increase this year.
4. Develop a plan whereby every member is a member of the missionary department, and contributes to the cause of missions.
5. Send the pastor to the State and National Conventions every year.
6. Make our church one of the best in the city. We have just finished painting the interior of our church and laying the floor covering.

On October 12, Elder Baltimore Taylor, Vice President of our National Convention came to us for a two-weeks meeting. This was one of the best revivals our church has ever experienced. Splendid results from the powerful soul stirring sermons were evident while the meeting was going on. We cannot say too much in praise for Elder Taylor as a great and effective gospel preacher. It is the unanimous wish that he come again.

There are so many of our members who have distinguished themselves in some manner that we shall not attempt to mention names, however, on October 12th we did pause for a few moments to observe the 21st anniversary of the church and to honor Sister Alice Washington, “the mother” of the church, and Elders J. J. Conway, Albert Wilson, Treasurer. These are the only remaining charter members; each was presented a token of love and appreciation by the pastor. On Sunday night, October 19, one man was ordained Elder, and four were ordained deacons.

All signs point to this being our greatest year spiritually, financially and otherwise. To our Heavenly Father we give all the praise and honor.
SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH, MAYFIELD, KY., ASK CORRECTION

The statement of Rev. William K. Fox, concerning the condition of the church was challenged by Mr. Helen Doffel. It is reported that they have a nice building, many members, a Bible School of 10 to 20 per Lord's day. We are still in need of a good pastor.

THE MOTHER CHURCH AT LITTLE ROCK, KENTUCKY, REPORTS A SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL

Rev. Isaiah H. Moore, Pastor
Route 3, Paris, Ky.
Little Rock, Ky.

Dr. C. W. Arnold, the able minister and business man of Columbus, Ohio, delivered a series of helpful sermons in our annual fall meeting of the historic Little Rock Christian Church. Services were largely attended by white and colored of Bourbon and adjacent counties. Dr. Henry Webb, minister of the White Christian Church of Little Rock, Ky., was so impressed with the able discourse of Dr. Arnold that he invited Dr. Arnold to speak in the Old Historic Cane Ridge meeting house. It was attended by persons from four different counties. Among those attending were: Elder Vernon Holt, who helped Elder Samuel Buckner, pioneer in the Restoration Movement, baptize his last person. Mrs. Mollie Commodore was baptized by Elder Buckner and Elder A. J. Johnson, former host of the late lamented Elder Buckner. A white brother graciously presented to Dr. Arnold a neatly bound copy of the History of the Cane Ridge Meeting House and the Restoration Movement. Dr. Arnold was forced to rush back to Ohio in the interest of a church to be started in Akron, Ohio.

Elder William Owens, minister of Christian Church, Winchester, Kentucky, conducted a very successful revival with 34 additions some years ago was called to finish this revival. He had 10 additions and a final total of $200 was raised.

The present sick of the Mother Church are Elder Charley Hall and Brother Dan Hughes. The recent deacons are: Mrs. Naoma Brayder, Mrs. Charles Nicholas and Mr. Mark Judy. A long distance message also came announcing the death of deacon and treasurer Allen Ross of our Sister Church at Danville, Ky. In him a mighty man has fallen, in Israel "These all died in the Faith." A friendly greeting to the brotherhood at large.

CHICAGO CHURCHES UNITE

By Cathryn Martin
3813 South Michigan Blvd.
Chicago, Ill.

Merger of South Side Christian and First Christian Church.

On Sunday afternoon, August 17, the Chicago Disciples' Union united these congregations. Rev. Harold Longer of the Austin Blvd. Christian Church, brought the message on the "Values of Christian Unity."

Dr. Robert C. Lemon, Executive Secretary of the Union gave the charge to both congregations, first their attitudes toward each other, secondly their duty as a united church to become effective in the life of a community.

The church was more than glad to welcome into its midst this group of worthy Disciples.

The official boards are united into one strong body with such Christian Solidarity that they believe no task too great for them to undertake in order that the love of Christ might be manifested in the hearts of men.

Every organization of the church has taken on new life since the merger and their building fund treasurer turned over to the United Banking Committee seven hundred plus dollars.

Truly this is a great Christian step forward for us to become as one in the work of the Master. Nineteen have been added to the church in the past few Sundays as a results of the inspiring message from our pastor.

Twelve of our young people attended the Annual Young Peoples Union at the Jackson Blvd. Christian Church, Sunday, November 2.

Mr. Roger Flowers and teachers of our Sunday School held their promotion day exercises which was inspiring to all.

Miss Carnella Jamison who is attending Chicago University this quarter is giving a series of instruction to this group of teachers each Lord's Day.

The quarterly meeting of the Missionary Societies of the Chicago area was attended by our pastor and several members. Mrs. Rosa Page Welch had charge of singing in both sessions.

The installation of officers in our Junior Missionary Society was held at the Good Shepard Community Center. Mrs. Susie Flowers was the sponsor. We are all glad to have Rev. Fox back at his post of duty, assisting Rev. Latouche each Sunday morning.

Rev. Washington from Jarvis Christian College will bring the message, Sunday morning, November 9.

CHURCH DEVELOPMENT LAUNCHED AT PINE STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Charles H. Webb, Minister
William Gatewood, Reporter
708 East Pine Street
Tulsa, Okla.

The Pine Street Christian Church of Tulsa, Okla., has just launched its Church Development program for the year beginning November 1st. We shoved off November 2nd with our Annual Home-coming or Roll Call Sunday each member present being requested to fill out Commitment Cards. This was followed Monday night with our Monthly Fellowship dinner, wonderfully prepared by the committee, composed of Mrs. Valdie Love, Mrs. James Wilson and Mrs. Willie Mae Linton.

At the dinner the heads of all auxiliaries and boards presented their objectives for the year. Enthusiasm ran high and we expect the greatest year yet in church development.

The youth of the church are enjoying a number of activities. On October 12th, two cars of young people and adults attended the State Youth Rally at Boley, sponsored by Mrs. Margarete Webb. The young people of that section were interested in our Fellowship Program and with us are looking forward to our mid-winter youth meet with enthusiasm.

On Sunday, November 2nd, several young people and adults from Pine Street attended the Tulsa County Youth Fellowship Rally, and along with two hundred white Youths of the county enjoyed a fine afternoon of recreation and inspiration.

The Missionary Society, headed by Mrs. Z. M. Hunter, has planned a splendid program for the next three months. Their special program for the month of October was the portrayal of the living picture sketch of Brenton's, "Song of the Lark."

SECOND ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS

By E. W. Saunders
436 Russell St.
Danville, Kentucky

We have a few readers of the Plea in the church, and a fairly good number of prospective readers.—Congratulations to the Editor, and his staff for such a fine church paper.

The church is progressing nicely under the leadership of the present pastor, and church officials. The Sunday School worker conference is working on the idea of making the Sunday School fit the child. We are still trying to construct a Missionary pro-
gram which includes every member of the church.

Our revival, which was held from October 12-26, by our National Evangelist, Elder R.L. Peters, was a big success. The results were: 15 additions to the church, two of which were from the Baptist church; an enlivened membership; and an offering of $146.00. Our churches from the following cities were represented: Midway, Ky.; Hustonville, Ky.; Stanford and North Middletown, Ky. The closing Sunday a fellowship dinner was served in the basement and over 100 dinners were served by the dining room and kitchen committees.

October 28-29, Elder R.H. Peoples and his efficient wife were with the official staff of the church in a conference. The general theme was, "Building a unified church program for the whole church." I can truthfully say they did a good work. God bless them.

Our pastor, Rev. R.L. Saunders, has served the following churches, in their fall Evangelistic meetings, Hustonville, Mayslick, and at the present time he is serving in the Fairview, Kentucky church. We hope that he will soon get tired of going.

At present, the church has the following projects under consideration: putting a new fire-proof roof on the church, repairing the pipe organ, which has been out of use for at least five years, and building a parsonage. We feel that this can be done.

Our minister has been with us now about 16 months and the members are pleased with his work. Our hope is a bigger and a greater Christian Church in Danville, Kentucky.

Brother Allen Ross' funeral was held November 1st, at the church. He was one of our loyal members, a deacon, and the treasurer for a number of years. We will miss him much. He was one of our loyal members, a deacon, and the treasurer for a number of years. We will miss him much. He was the minister's friend. Peace to his soul.

DO YOU WANT A BROTHERHOOD COLLEGE AT NASHVILLE

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JOIN NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN MEN AND WOMEN

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PROF. MERL R. EPPSE, Editor

The record shows that Negro slaves worshipped with their masters at Cane Ridge, Kentucky, long before slavery was abolished by the thirteenth amendment. The gradual growth and onward progress of Negro disciples has been going on every since. Many of our old landmarks have been removed from us, but many of us who remain have vivid memories of many of their deeds and actions.

Therefore, I am calling on you to send anything you might have, such as pictures, speeches, programs, articles or anything you have to make a copy and deposit in the permanent record of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society.

As you know, I was elected as a member of the Executive Committee of this group at the International Convention last May. I have not been able to report much because everybody is ignoring or keeping the facts. Therefore, I am appealing to all—Please send any old material you have about anybody who was a great leader or worker among the Negro Disciples of Christ.

Don't delay! Send it at once. If you want it back, we will make a copy and send it back to you. Hoping you will do this at once so our history can be brought up to date, I am.

Sincerely yours,
MERL R. EPPSE, Editor,
449 Fourth Avenue, N.,
Nashville, Tenn.

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North Carolina Octogenarian Retires

By Elder John D. Henry
Clayton, North Carolina
121 Front St.
Sec'y of the Disciples of Christ in Eastern North Carolina and Virginia

The Disciples of Christ, white, have flourished in North Carolina since soon after the Campbell Movement. Prior to 1868 the Negro Disciples worshipped with the white brethren in the same building as did the whites. Of course, they had a special place in said building. Most of the churches had an up-stairs gallery and the Negro members entered a side door and sat up-stairs in the gallery. The Negroes had been set free, just a few years prior to 1868 but yet they worshiped in the same old way with their former masters. By this time the white brethren began to think in terms of Negro religious leadership, so in 1868 the whites told the colored brethren that they were now a free people and that they could worship God as they wished, and if they wished to have separate houses in which to worship they would help them to build churches for themselves, and not only would they help them to build churches, but would give them a start, by assisting in every way possible by giving to them copies of their church minutes and helping them to organize a conference. This they did, they gave 100 copies of their minutes, and also sat with them as guides in their local church business meetings. This was put into practice. By the year 1877 (Continued on Page 2)

Chief C. R. D. Whitfield Slows Down At 81 Years Of Age

The greatness of a human being is not judged from the heights he reaches but rather from the depths he came. Elder C. R. D. Whitfield, Kinston, North Carolina, saw the light of day February 17, 1860 in Lenoir County, Kinston, North Carolina. We all know that those were trouble-some times because Lincoln was just becoming a National figure, and Negroes were in slavery. Elder Whitfield lived the life incident to a slave, and while he was in school he had the youthful urge to take a help-mate, so he married Miss Sarah Rhem Whitfield while they were in school.

To this union were born fourteen children—ten boys and four girls. Of the ten boys, seven were reared to be grown and married and out of the ten, six became gospel preachers and the seventh one became Deacon of the church that Elder and Mrs. Whitfield joined in their youth.

His children attended school over one hundred years. Their education covers such outstanding schools as Harvard University, State Teachers College, Winston Salem, North Caro-

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the loser. He belongs to that type that has learned to labor and to wait.

The profession in Texas knows him as it does few men. Each member has met him in school meetings, in fraternal circles or through church activities. In all cases he has been found among the leaders for racial uplift.

It is not a certainty that a Negro will be placed on the Teachers Retirement Board, but if such is a probability the professions as well as the business element of Texas, has named T. W. Pratt as the man.

SHAW CHRISTIAN CHURCH
NEWS

Elder E. L. Griffin, Pastor
G. W. Washington, Reporter
Shaw, Mississippi

On the Second Sunday in each month, a small, yet faithful, group of Disciples assembles themselves at The Shaw Christian Church for fellowship and inspiration.

The Shaw Church has had many setbacks during the year of 1941, due to death and sickness of some of its most loyal workers; nevertheless, it continues to struggle toward its goal.

We plan a great spring revival and are hoping to secure the services of our National Evangelist, Elder R. L. Peters.

Seven new subscriptions were sent for the “Christian Plea” during the month of November. It is our wish that we be able to increase our list of “Christian Plea” readers each month.

NORTH CAROLINA DISCIPLES
(Continued from Page 1)

they met at South West Creek in Le- noir County, North Carolina and ordained the following brethren: Samuel Bass, Edward Hill, J. A. Lovick, N. Hargrett, Yancy Porter, and a few others. Of this number the Elder Bass, Edward Hill, J. A. Lovick, and Bibles were given to the colored brethren with prayer for their success.

In the following year they met at Stoney Creek, now Grainger, North Carolina in conference. They were greeted by the white delegates as follows: Rev. J. H. Harper, J. R. Winfield, A. C. Hart, and J. A. Foye. From this time onward Disciples spread like fire not only in Eastern Carolina but also in Virginia with the Elder, Edward Hill, as its first chief.

Soon it was found that there was need of two districts, namely No. 1 and No. 2. Number one boundary ran from Raleigh, North Carolina, east of the Tar River. With success within a short time, we had a chief for each of these districts and on to progress was the line of march until the year 1910. After 38 years it was decided to change the names of the said districts. We now have the Goldsboro and Raleigh district West of the Tar river, and the Norfolk and Washing- on district East of the Tar river.

For 31 years we have moved on the upward way. In 1910 the two as-

semblies bought a piece of land at Goldsboro N. C., and built a school known as the Goldsboro Christian In-
stitute with Prof. E. S. L. Whitfield as principal. The G. and R. and the W. and N. went fifty-fifty in furnish-
ing teachers and expenses. Prof. Whitfield the son of Elder C. R. D. Whitfield of Kinston, N. C., was its first principal. All those who should happen to be of the G. and C. Assembly. Prof. B. H. Simmons was the first instructor from the N. and W. district. Among the heads of the said schools we had Prof. J. H. Battle, J. S. Thorjorn, J. F. Whitfield and Dr. G. Calvin Campbell.

When the State of North Carolina took over the schools in the way of passing the law upon certain standards our school was not in shape to meet the requirements. We now have in G. and R. district 87 churches including its mission points and 94 Elders and 26 licentiates. We have at Kinston, N. Carolina the standard leadership training school of which Mr. E. L. Battle is general manager, and John D. Henry, assistant manager, now in its 7th year having an enrollment of 98 in its last session. The cost last term for a two weeks period was above $500.00. We have the Women’s Home Mission Society with more than 100 members. We have in its treasury above $300.00. We have also two Bible school district conventions of which Mr. E. L. Battle is president of the number one and Mr. Walter McLourn is president of number two.

The Goldsboro and Raleigh assembly has above 9,000 members in its dis-

trict. In our October session we were able to raise above $1,500.00 from all sources.

In North Carolina we have two other assemblies as follows, the Ibesters which was set up in the year 1875 by Rev. John Harper (white) at Benton-
sville, Johnston Co., N. C., its first chief Col. was the Rev. Allen Chest-
nut. When set apart it had about 100 members and 15 Elders. It has now about 700 members and about 33 Elders. Its present chief is Elder R. H. Moore of Princeton, North aro- lina. They were able to raise in their November assembly $1013.80. The writer, being present, enjoyed the friendly spirit of the brotherhood. The other assembly district is the Dunn, and Wilmington, North Carolina known as the Southern Assembly. It was set up with Elder W. H. Walker, as its first chief and other elders. It also had about 100 members. Now it has a membership of 250, 14 elders and about 7 or 8 churches. The writer was not able to stay until the close of its 1941 November session, having to leave for other appoint-
ments. The Elder Walker has been and is still its guiding light, its chief.

The Goldsboro and Raleigh assembly closed its 69th annual session at Faison, North Carolina, Friday, Oc-
tober 24, 1941, with the following ac-

count of moneys being raised.

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From the Goldsboro and Raleigh dis-

trict, two of our elders went north as did many lay members from North Carolina. After finding quite a num-
ber of the Disciples in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York States, we granted them an assembly district. This northeastern district of Disciples of Christ, the writer has not heard from them at this writing, but believes that they are doing as well this year as they have for the past eight or nine years. Elder C. H. Corden, of Phila-
delphia, Penn., is its chief.

G. and R. District
Elder H. D. Davis, Chief.
Kinston, North Carolina

Elder John D. Henry, 121 Front St., Clayton, N. Carolina. Sec’y.
P. S.—Elder W. R. Steeley, Elizabeth City, N. C., is chief of the N. and W. assembly.

Elder Noah Boston R. 2 Box 37 Janesville N. C. Sec’y.

MEMPHIS DELEGATE WRITES

Mrs. C. G. West, 4345 Poplar Ave., Memphis, Tennessee writes that she is much better since she returned from the National Convention. Mrs. West prays that Church of Christ will grow in strength spiritually and financially. She has been a member for twenty-five years, first going to the Christian Advance Church at White Station, Tennessee. The church is gone but ten acres of land are still there and she hopes it can be used for God and His cause.

Elder H. Carl Jackson of Dayton, Ohio has been called to the Clay Christian Church, Paducah, Kentucky. He started November 2, 1941.
MY PERSONAL OPINION
By W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor

There is an old saying to the effect that if you want to get something done, do it yourself. There are things we as a National Convention with more than fifty or sixty thousand members can do if we would, without depending on others. I am of the opinion that we depend too much on our (white) Brethren to do for us the things we can do for ourselves, and when they do it their way, instead of the way we want it done, we complain. It seems to me that the efforts we put forth to do things our way are feeble. Since the National Convention President Watson asked fifty churches to send five dollars to the Treasurer to pay off the note. You saw the report of how the churches respond. I know of more than fifty churches that can give five dollars if they would do it. Let us do better. I often wonder what the life of our National Convention would be without the Christian Plea. Editor Eppse asked one hundred persons to give five dollars each that the Plea might go on another hundred dollars to be paid within twelve months, or less than twelve months from date of sale.

It is my opinion that officers of all departments and delegates to the national convention should take the lead in answering the appeals made by the President, and Editor and support the entire program as adopted by the convention. We voted to do it. In Luke 12:47 we find these words “And that servant, which knew his Lord’s will and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will shall be beaten with many stripes.”

Yes, I am in favor of purchasing the property for a college. The Maryland State Convention hereby pledges one hundred dollars to be paid within twelve months, or less than twelve months from date of sale.

ANDOVER NEWTON THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL
Newton Center, Massachusetts

November 21, 1941
Dear Professor Eppse,

I have been interested in and thoroughly enjoy reading the compiles of “The Christian Plea” you have been kind enough to send me. May I take this opportunity to thank you for doing so. You are to be congratulated for such an excellent publication.

I feel sure that all is going well at school. I have been reading on several occasions about various activities going on there. They have, indeed, been interesting.

This is my last year in the seminary. The time has passed very quickly. This year it is passing quicker than ever because I am carrying a full class schedule, writing my thesis, and also pastoring a church. However next semester my class schedule shall be lightened considerably.

I am happy to know that Fox is doing well at Chicago. I thought once perhaps he was coming here, since Dr. Herrick, the president, asked me about him.

I would be happy to hear from you personally sometime. Please give my regards to Mrs. Eppse, Dean Gore, Professor Ballard, and other friends at the school.

Sincerely yours,
Samuel James
P.S. Editor’s Note: Reverend Samuel James, was an honor graduate of Tennessee State College. He majored in history and social studies. As his major professor, I am deeply proud of his work. This is only a sample of the possibilities of the students we teach.

—Merl R. Eppse

XMAS GREETINGS FROM BIBLE SCHOOL
By E. W. Wilbert, President
736 Dennison Ave.
Dayton, Ohio

Greeting to the Brotherhood:
It has been a little better than three months since the National Convention held its Silver Jubilee in Nashville, where we all had a grand time. Nothing has been heard from me as president of the Bible School Department. I haven’t forgotten nor have I been asleep. I have been thinking seriously of the responsibility placed on me. As a pastor the fall and winter programs are busy times for me as we are quite busy with our church program.

I pause at this season of the year to send greetings not only to the Bible Schools, but to the whole Brotherhood.

To my co-workers of the Bible Schools I wish to say the success of the Bible School Department depends not alone on the president, but we all must do our part. Each one must put his shoulder to the wheel and work.

I am calling on all State presidents to work your State to the best of your ability. I am quite sure you have been chosen by your State because you are qualified for the task.

MRS. S. L. BOSTICK SPEAKS
A message to the old fashion followers of Christ.
The Gospel of Christ, when it is preached, makes one a disciple, a follower of Christ. The duties of a disciple are great and respectable. A disciple respects the big fellowship with love and compassion. A disciple is honest, out of which comes power. One walks with love and faith in fellowship one with another.

In John 15: 12-14 it states my commandment “that ye love one another as I have loved you. Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you.” One can see this is a positive statement. If you love me you will respect the ignorant, the learned, the great and small, the rich and poor, and the old and young.

The record shows that none were overlooked in all the traveling of our Master.

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PROF. MERL R. EPPSE, Editor

WALTON GOES TO LOUISVILLE KENTUCKY

The Central Christian Church called Rev. Walton as their pastor. This leaves the Gay Street Church pulpit vacant for the present.
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If we walk in the light, we have fellowship one with the other.
—1 John, 1:7

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ALL NEWS MUST BE IN BY SEVENTH OF EACH MONTH

A WORD TO THE ELDERS
Elder H. E. Braden
Vice President, Tenn. State Convention
Nashville, Tennessee

The Church is facing, perhaps, the greatest crisis in its history. The combined forces of atheism, within and without, materialism, philosophies of men, all in direct opposition to the way of Christ, tend to nullify the very principles for which Christ died, and upon which His glorious Church must stand.

This is no time for indication, inaction and compromise with the forces of evil. God has given us for our guidance the Book of His Word, handed down through sixteen centuries of blood and fire. Christ through His ministry and mission has made the way plain. The Holy Spirit has given us direction through the apostles concerning the government and conduct of the Church. He has commanded that elders be set apart to provide spiritual leadership for the Church (Titus 1; 5, 6). He has charged the elders as to their responsibility (Acts, 20; 28).

It is neither Christianity nor good sense to pretend that those who use every possible means to scatter and destroy the flock are worthy shepherds. To scatter and devour are characteristics of the wolf. The good shepherd does not content himself with having a majority in the sheepfold; rather he is anxious for even the one who has wandered away. The elders, as spiritual leaders of the church, face a tremendous responsibility. The multitude of disciples trust to their wisdom their strength of character and their Christian stamina to safeguard the church against impostors and destructive forces. Therefore let them 'take heed to themselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made them bishops to feed the Church of the Lord, which He has purchased with His Own blood'.

"Beware of false prophets, who come in sheeps clothing, but inwardly are ravening wolves". Beware of majority-seekers, who seek self-enrichment and self-aggrandizement by capitalizing upon the weakness of the weak.

The Church of Christ—the kingdom of God is just what God appointed it to be, and what Christ declared it to be. Its principles shine forever, and the redemption of the world can only through obedience to its laws. Any doctrine designed to separate the people of God into factions is foreign to the Gospel of Christ. We are members of one another, and all members of the great body of Christ—built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom all the building fitly framed together, growth into an holy temple of the Lord. Our Lord Jesus Christ, as He poured out His soul in prayer to the Heavenly Father, prayed that the people of God might be together—of the same mind, the same spirit, and present a unified front to the world, that the world might believe on Christ. "and for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth; neither for these only do I pray, but for them also that believe on me through Thy word; that they may all be one, even as Thou, Father art in me, and I in Thee, that they also may be in us that the world may believe that Thou didst send me" (Jno. 17; 19-21).

The above quotations, be it remembered, do not constitute an intellectual theory or a scheme of dogmatic theology. They proceed from the heart and soul of Him who loved us and bled and died on the cross, that by His spirit we might grow in the likeness of God and inherit eternal life.

The Church of Christ must abide by this teaching through faith and love, if it would spread the reign of God in the hearts of men.

"FOOTPRINTS ON THE SANDS OF TIME"
F. J. D. McKinney
Professor of History Tennessee State College

"It matters not how straight the gate,
How charged with punishment the scroll,
I am the Master of my Fate,
I am the Captain of my Soul."

Henley

The history of the world can be divided into four ages. The stone age, the iron age, the golden age, and lastly the metal age.

The metal age—an age where every man can be his own master, where poverty and circumstance no longer hold power and the lowliest creature in the land can win a place side by side with the highest.

To those who do not know the resources of mind these will sound like rash statements; but science proves beyond question that in the well springs of every man's mind are unplumbed depths, undiscovered deposits of energy, wisdom and ability. Sound these depths—bring these treasures to the surface—and you gain an astounding wealth of new power.

From the wide catamaran of savages to the giant liners of today, carrying their thousands from continent, is but a step in the development of man's mind. From the lowly cave man, covering in his burrow in fear of lightning, of fire or water, to the engineer of today, making serv-
ants of all the forces of Nature, is but a measure of differences in mental development.

Man, without reasoning mind, would be as the animals are prey of any creature fast enough and strong enough to catch him. At the mercy of the wind and weather. A poor, timid creature, living for the moment only, fearful of every shadow and sound.

Through his superior mind he learned to make fire to keep himself warm; weapons with which to defend himself; habitations to protect himself from the elements. Through mind he conquered the forces of Nature. Through mind he has made machinery do the work of millions of horses and billions of hands. What he will do next no one knows.

We bemoan the loss of our forests, of our oil and coal supplies; but the greatest waste of all, we pay no attention to—the waste of our own potential mind power. Doctor William James estimated that the average man uses only 10 per cent of his mental power. He has unlimited—yet he uses only a small bit of it.

What could you and you and you accomplish if you used your minds to a greater capacity?

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Miss Cathryn Virginia Bradford, graduate of Industrial High School, Birmingham, Alabama; student at Talladega College for two years; honor graduate with B. S. degree of Tennessee State College, 1939; and graduate work at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio; member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; History Study Club; Home Economics Club; and now professor of Home Economics at Tennessee State College, will be married to Prof. Frederick J. McKinney, B. S., M. A., State Teachers College, Muncie Indiana. He is now professor of History and Social Studies and Registrar of Tennessee State College.

The marriage will be solemnized at five-thirty, December twenty-sixth at the bride's home, 506 North First Street, Birmingham, Alabama. The bride will wear white satin and lace. Her parents are Dr. and Mrs. F. D. Bradford. The Matron of Honor will be the bride's mother Mrs. F. D. Bradford, and the Best Man will be the groom's father, Mr. F. J. D. McKinney.

They will depart immediately after the wedding for a short honeymoon, and will return to their home at the teacher's cottage, Centennial Bouvelard, Tennessee State College, Nashville, Tennessee, by January fifth.

**VACANT PULPITS**

1. Gay Street Christian Church, Nashville, Tennessee
2. Oxford Christian Church, Oxford, Ohio
3. Rockford Christian Church, Rockford, Illinois
4. Indianapolis Christian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana
5. Johnson City Christian Church, Johnson City, Tennessee
6. Christian Church, Savannah, Tennessee
7. Lea Avenue Christian Church, Nashville, Tennessee
8. Pine Bluff, Arkansas, Officer—Robert Collier, R. 6, Box 96
9. Washington, Arkansas
11. Franklin Christian Church, Franklin, Tenn.
12. Bethel Christian Church, Jonesboro, Tenn.
13. Lanes Memorial Christian Church, Washington College, Tenn.
14. Jellico Christian Church, Jellico, Tenn.

**HAPPY NASHVILLIANS**

Prof. and Mrs. Merl R. Eppe are happy to announce the arrival of a daughter, Henrietta Estell Eppe, December 3, 1941, at Hubbard Hospital, Meharry Medical College. Little Miss Eppe and her Mother are in the best of health.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hemphill, printers of the CHRISTIAN PLEA, 2027 Jefferson Street, Nashville, are happy to announce the arrival of a daughter, Dianne, on November 13, 1941. Mother and daughter are doing fine.
COLLEGE ACTIVITIES

MT. BEULAH COLLEGE CLUB
Mrs. Lesley Clark, Reporter
4119 Prairie Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

The November meeting of our club was a very interesting one and well attended.

The highlight of the evening was the address by Mr. William L. Patterson, Mr. Patterson is a outstanding attorney of Chicago. He is vice-president of the International Labor Defense. He has traveled extensively in Europe.

The subject of his address was "Mobilization of the Negro for the defeat of Hitler." This, he pointed out, is the paramount task of the Negro today.

It was a very thrilling discourse from a man who obviously knows whereof he speaks.

Other outstanding guests were: Mrs. Irene McCoy Gaines—President of National Council of Negro Organizations.

Mrs. C. W. Smith, former teacher of Jarvis College, Mrs. Sojers—President of Good Neighbor Club, Mrs. Katie Ford, Mrs. Thelma Watts, and husband, Miss Aurelia Mae Jamison and Mrs. Gertrude Gilmore.

On the 9th of November we were happy to welcome to our city President C. P. Washington of Jarvis College. Both of his messages at South Side Church in the morning and Ind. Ave Church in the evening were very inspirational.

Monday night a get-together of schoolmates at the home of the representative of Good Neighbor Club. Wednesday night the Club gave a banquet honoring President Washington at "Morris Eat Shop." This was a very beautiful affair.

Dr. L. M. Ervin, son of the late President J. N. Ervin, gave an interesting talk on Jarvis and many of the fine people who pioneered there.

Madame Annette White spoke in behalf of former teachers of Jarvis.

Madame Leta Mae Wether, formerly of Jarvis sang two numbers. Mr. J. N. Webb, President of United Alumni Association spoke in behalf of that great organization.

Mrs. Sudie Jones of S. C. I. sang a beautiful number. Lennie Welsh, a future student of S. C. I. played an instrumental solo and accompanied the choral group who sang two numbers.

Mrs. Irene Gaines and Miss Elizabeth Galbreath, society editor of the Chicago Defender, gave remarks.

President Washington again thrilled us with another fine speech.

Mr. John C. Lewis, president of the S. C. I club was toastmaster.

"AROUND THE CAMPUS"
By Venita O. Carney
JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
Hawkins, Texas

Homecoming activities went over in a big way despite the inclement weather on November 22. Jarvis gave Tillotson College a sound thrashing of 32-0 which was stimulating for the remainder of the day's activities. Miss Jarvis was crowned in a very beautiful ceremony under the direction of Miss Alice Hilliard on the evening of November 22. A party for students, the alumni, and faculty followed the crowning of Miss Jarvis.

Miss E. K. Adams sponsored a Homecoming Preview on the night of November 20 which was quite entertaining. Campus talent in all of its forms was exhibited. The door receipts will be used to purchase needed equipment and supplies for the Department of Education of which Miss Adams is head.

Mr. Terry Alexander who is teaching out from Tyler spent the weekend of November 29 on the campus. His general appearance exhibits prosperity and success in the performance of his duties. While on the campus, he sang "The Lord's Prayer" during the Sunday service.

Miss Elphamey Haynes, Reverend W. O. Gill, Mrs. M. A. Wallack, Mrs. J. B. Mosley, Mrs. and Mrs. R. H. Price attended the District Meeting in Cason, Texas on November 30. They reported a fine meeting. Reverend Gill was the outstanding Messenger of the Gospel at this meeting. Brother T. B. Frost is doing an outstanding piece of work as District Evangelist in unifying the district.

Reverend E. J. Dickson and Miss H. M. Ware suffered an attack of ptomaine poisoning from eating barbeque when returning to the campus from witnessing the Bishop-Wiley Homecoming game. The other teachers who accompanied them luckily escaped the attack.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Peoples, and their daughter Perle are spending their vacation on Jarvis campus. Mr. Peoples is scheduled to preach at the morning service on Sunday, December 7 and conduct the evening forum at the Christian Endeavor meeting that night.

Mr. C. W. Plopper was on the campus from December 1 to December 4 auditing the college books. We are always happy to have Mr. Plopper visit the campus, for his quiet dignity, unassuming air, and silent efficiency lends "that something" to the general atmosphere of the campus.

Dean E. W. Rand and Mrs. Verba Rand are the proud parents of a daughter, Erlene Derius, born November 27. Mother and baby are fine.

Mr. James A. Atkins, specialist in Negro Education from Washington D. C. and Mr. Clarence W. Norris, WPA Education Project Officer, from San Antonio, Texas visited the campus on Sunday, November 23, and gave some inspiring and encouraging remarks to our students, parents, and faculty during the Sunday service.

Miss M. R. Propps is making long strides as she races for first place in the Christian Plea Contest this year. She introduces the Plea to every newcomer on the campus. Among some of the visiting Christian Plea subscribers were: Miss Alice Littles and mother, Mrs. Littles, from Mineola, Texas, Mrs. Throp from Mineola, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Isacs from Pasadena California.

The Texas Board of Trustees met on November 25. Mr. K. V. Lipscomb, dynamic chairman of the Board along with his board members, well wishers, and friends, is putting forth every effort possible to make Jarvis the type of institution that will be a credit to the brotherhood, state and race.

SOUTH SIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Chicago, Ill.

FOX SPEAKS

Our work here at South Side Christian Church continues to progress nicely. We are now contemplating an extensive youth program. A fine youth choir is in the making under the leadership of Mr. Welch and the pastor has given us one Sunday in each month as Youth Sunday. I am again being urged to start the Vesper Hour which I used to conduct last year.

I had an interesting invitation yesterday to come downtown and speak to the Plebeian Forum this Thursday evening. This forum consists of home- less men from the ages of twenty to fifty. Most of them have a pessimistic attitude toward life and have little use for counsel of any kind. Many of them possess keen minds and are well read. After a speaker has made his presentation discussion follows: the fellows who have gone down there say they ask you everything from peanuts to acorns. I hope to have a grand experience.
NATIONAL CONVENTION PAGE

PRESIDENT'S FIRESIDE CHAT

Dear Co-worker:

This chat comes bringing to you all best wishes for a Merry Xmas and a happy New Year, God grant us strength to do more for the work in this coming year! It was my privilege to celebrate on the 9th of November, my 28th year as a minister in the Christian Church; we were known as Christians then. "Disciple" was unknown among us and I still feel very partial to that word, CHRISTIAN. I would beg of you to be patient with me as I reflect upon those years. Through the kindness of Elder Edwin F. Jackson, of S. C. I was advised to attend our Church School in Ky. known as the Louisville Christian Bible School, presided over by our late Bro. A. Judson Thompson, who at one time taught in Hiram, being a teacher of James A. Garfield. (He was then an old man) but he gave 21 years to the church work. Both of these men did a fine job and the men they sent out have won to the cause because of the instructions given by them. Kentucky was the great church field today because of the men who finished that school, plus the labors of the Fathers. I owe much to Kentucky and its great host of good men and women who "Tooch-ed My Life" and helped me on. Dr. M. F. Robinson believed in me to the extent he gave me my first meeting with him at Lawrenceburg, Ky. We had fourteen for baptism and all through the years he has encouraged me. Elder Mark Parker and S. J. Chandler heard me preach at Hancock Christian Church and said: "We want you to hold us a meeting in Gay St. Church after you finished school." It took me off my feet but I went and we had a fine fellowship. Those Christians did much to help me on the way. Then I was honored by the Danville Christian Church to become their pastor and what a great group they were, doing all they could to help me become a preacher for I was only a prospect then. T. R. Everett was my first pastor and I gave cherish the three fine sermons he would bring to my church. While in school M. F. Mitchell, T. J. Green made many contributions to my staying in school and reaching the goal. God bless them both. Going to many conventions gave me contact with many of our Great Preachers. I speak advisedly, for they were great, Preston Taylor, W. H. Brown, Monroe Jackson, R. E. Hathaway, M. F. Robinson, Stafford Campbell, I. H. Moore, C. H. Dickerson, Henry L. Herod, W. H. and C. H. Dickerson, Prof. James H. Thomas, J. N. Ervin, A. W. Davis, G. H. Graham, R. E. Pearson, among the men. Sisters W. Nolan King, H. A. M. Singleton, Katie Dickerson, L. R. Dickerson, M. E. Taylor, E. M. Harden, Ida Smith, Louis Moore, Julia Williams, Rosa Bohanan, Catherine Johnson, Lizzie Prentiss, Ellenba Webster, Amanda Davis, Lizzie Smith. What inspiring conventions we always had in "Old Kaintuck," Preston Taylor and H. L. Herod would always grace our meetings with messages that rang true to the Plea, and all men followed the New Testament "TREND." God give us more men with New Testament inspiration to preach the gospel. In these feeble remarks I have tried to mention some of the men of the old school, then the men of the newer school, whom I have walked and talked with, R. H. Davis, Crawford, Callvert, Dr. Walker, our own P. H. Moss, he with Mrs. Bracy, Mrs. Grey and Miss Chandler, how we traveled everywhere thru Ky., doing our bit for Christian Education. What blessings came to me from associating with these men of God, and I now take this means of thanking them all and this great Brotherhood for giving me an opportunity to serve them the past 28 years. If I have been able to accomplish is due to the faith that you all had in me. Without it I would have failed. I thank God for these godly men and women. As an appreciation for your faith, I now recommit myself to Him and rededicate myself for a continued service to His Church. There are many more I could write of if time would permit.

It was a pleasure to have read of the fine reports of the work in the Plea. I rejoiced then also felt a little bit hurt when I thought of what little we had done for the National Convention Program. About ten churches responded to the President's appeal. Were you among that ten? Let not the old year go out leaving your name not on record. Let not the minister try to do anything at all for the National Convention Program. DO IT NOW and when 1942 comes in you will at least have started. Will you not begin now and lift a "Special Offering" for the National Convention Program and send it to Dr. J. E. Walker, Treasurer? I challenge you to do this and more for our program. Do not try to pay it all at once but so much each month and when the convention meets you will have done much for the work.

Apportionsments are being mailed out now, please begin and let us have your reports. We want to make bricks but you must at least furnish the straws.

Fellow-Workers, let us all labor together and labor hard for the total program of the church. Hoping that together we will build up a great work, and assuring you that it is a pleasure to let you know that we depend on you. I am sincerely yours in the work.

R. Wesley Watson
National President

A REVIEW BRO. OLD TIMER AND BRO. NEWCOMER

Bro. Old Timer: Bro. New Comer, I thought that I would come by and spend a short while with you. I am very much grieved over so many vacant pulpits in our work and something must be done about it.

Bro. New Comer: Bro. Old Timer, I am happy to have you drop by for a short stay. I too agree with you about the many empty pulpits, but in your thinking, what would you suggest as a remedy?

Bro. Old Timer: Bro. New Comer, as I see it the churches and ministers both must agree to get along, and each must do his part of the contract, the minister must preach the gospel in the pulpit and also out of the pulpit, each time giving his best for the Cause, knowing that He has a reward waiting him; the churches must encourage him at all times and give an adequate support. I have been inspired to preach. No man can do his best when hungry or if his family is hungry. And if there comes a time for a sacrifice to be made, neither party must want the other party to make it all.

Bro. New Comer: Bro. Old Timer, you have said some good things, but how will we go about that?

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make other professions, but when it
comes to the Man of God being en-
couraged and strengthened, we have
been very slow in this direction.

Bro. New Comer: Bro. Old Timer, I
gather from your remarks that both
have something to do to have our
pulpits filled, also that it is a growth.
I am beginning now to do all in my
power to develop that growth and
work hard to keep myself with a pul-
pit, for I well remember “Labor con-
quers all things.”

Bro. Old Timer: Bro. New Comer,
you have the right slant, work hard
in the pulpit and also do something
out of the pulpit, study hard, pray a
deal, pastor the people in your com-
unity, always being sympathetic
with their needs, and help at all times.
It is yours to help. Do this and you
will find yourself to be a part of the
people. And one more thing, if you
have not practised this, Pray often in
the homes of the members and friends
as you visit, they will appreciate it
and it is a thing that is needed.

Bro. New Comer, I thank you, Bro.
Old Timer, for these suggestions and
I will be found putting them into
practice.

Very well, Bro. New Comer, as it is
time for my train, I will be seeing
you, Merry Xmas., and God bless you!
Good bye Bro. Old Timer, Merry
Xmas and God bless you!

MISS CARNELLA JAMISON’S
COLUMN

Christmas is in the air. The stores
are full of decorations, the people
mill about the stores in search of
gifts. Santa Claus is on hand to greet
each eager, expectant child. “Christ-
mas as usual” is the motto of the
day. For Christmas perhaps it should
be “Christmas unusual.” What would
happen around the world if Christians
made this Christmas different, if peace
and goodwill were translated from
the golden notes of the angels
peace and goodwill were translated
made this Christmas different, if
Christmas, etcetera.

Oh, Christ on Christmas observance in
ket on Christians and World Order
“Whither, World”—a discussion pac-
to make an ideal Christmas gift from
the church to its families or individu-
als could use it instead of the usual
Christmas cards. We welcome all
such leadership in the making of
Christian Christmas observance in
the home. The cost is five cents a
single copy, fifty cents per dozen,
$4.00 per hundred. Order from The
United Christian Missionary Society,
222 Downey Avenue, Indianapolis,
Indiana.
First quarterly reports (September
31) have been received from follow-
local organizations.

W. F. Christian, Youngstown, Ohio;
Lea Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee;
Clark Street, Greenville, Texas;
Mississippi Boulevard Memphis,
Tennessee; Second Christian, Fulton,
Missouri; Christian, Springfield, Ohio;
Central Christian, Louisville, Ken-
tucky; E. Annie Street, Fort Worth,
Texas; Second Christian, Indianapolis,
Indiana; Norwood Avenue, Dayton,
Ohio; Bull Street, Dallas, Texas; S.
C. L. Triangle Edwards, Mississippi;
Grove Street, Houston, Texas.

Congratulations to these organiza-
tions for their cooperation in return-
ing the reports. Second quarterly re-
ports are due on December 31. Will
you send us a report and help us to
double the number of those reporting
for this second quarter?

One half of our missionary year is
gone. This would be a good time for
careful checking of goals and aims
and accomplishments. Have you
reached half your aims in member-
ship, attendance, reading and offer-
ing? Talk over your aims and results
in your next meeting and consider
plans for renewed and continued ef-
fort.

I started with a Christmas greet-
ing. May I close with best wishes for
the New Year? I do not want to just
repeat the words we speak so glibly
but may I wish you for you and me
and for all Christians that this New
Year 1942 may be the acceptable year
of the Lord when the gospel will be
preached to the poor, the broken-
hearted healed, the captives delivered,
the blind made to see and the bruised
set at liberty. We ourselves can help
to make this wish come true.

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Indiana—Indianapolis 1
Tennessee—Indianapolis 1
Alabama—Louisville 16
Total—Nashville 35
Louisville 16
Los Angeles 11
Indianapolis 2

Send your church vote at once to the
Plea Office.

To the Editors of Christian Plea,

I wish to call your attention to the
report of the Home Missions and
State Missions Planning Council
222 Downey Avenue, Indianapolis,
Indiana.

Bro. New Comer: Bro. Old Timer, I
have learned that you cannot do
without this magazine if you want
to be missionary wise.

And one more thing, if you have
the right slant, work hard
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ACTIVITIES OF THE BROTHERHOOD

ROMINE CHRISTIAN CHURCH CALLS CRAWFORD

Elder L. H. Crawford
Mrs. M. M. Henderson
3512 Latimer St.
Dallas, Texas

Romine Christian St. calls Dr. L. H. Crawford to become their Pastor.

This church has recently paid their church out of debt and also their beautiful seats, and has launched a fine building program and looking over the field they found no man in the brotherhood any better prepared to lead this great program than Elder L. H. Crawford. He is a native son of Texas and comes from a family that has always given a great part of their lives to the great cause that we love so well. His father, Elder G. W. Crawford was among the first ministers to send our church in the good old State of Texas. His sister, Mrs. E. G. Titus, is also a minister and her mother still lives at a ripe age and playing an important part in the True Vine Church in Paris, Texas. Her house has served as headquarters for state and national workers and also gospel preachers. Elder Crawford, before leaving Texas, built the first brick church among our church buildings. He also served as president of the Texas missionary convention. He has pastored some of the best churches among the Brotherhood—namely, Chicago, St. Louis, Mo., Kansas City, Kansas, and Lea Ave., Nashville, Tenn. The Brotherhood elevated him to the highest office, President of the national convention. Fifteen years he has served as a member of the International Convention of Disciples of Christ. All of Texas will rejoice to his coming back home.

ARNOLD AND PETERS STIR

AKRON, OHIO

About six months ago, C. W. Arnold, minister of the Monroe Ave. Christian Church, Columbus, Ohio went up to Akron, Ohio, the rubber capital of the world, to take a look around to see what could be done in regards to setting up a Negro congregation of Disciples of Christ. A few contacts were made and a conference with the Summit County Board and representatives from twenty-three Churches of Christ (white) in and around Akron. Brother Arnold was requested to return to Akron after attending the National Convention, for an intensive survey. On September 2, Brother Arnold went again to Akron and spent three weeks making contacts and holding conferences with the Summit County Board. It was decided that a New Testament church should be established in the city of Akron for Negro Disciples who had come from other points in the country and for those who were to become Disciples. Akron is one of Ohio’s leading cities and one of America’s leading industrial centers, a rubber capital, with five leading rubber companies operating in it. It has a Negro population of 18,000 and many more are fast pouring into the city everyday.

November 10, a great evangelistic revival began with our National Evangelist, Dr. R. L. Peters doing the preaching and Bro. C. W. Arnold doing the promotional work with the able assistance of Dr. W. P. Neal, pastor of the South Akron Church of Christ and the executive secretary of the County Board. The white churches worked in every way possible to make this effort a success. They undergirded the meeting financially and attended in large numbers contributing in addition whatever their hands found to do. Attorney Mottin- gher, a leading barrister of Akron, was named as chairman of the site and location committee, worked very hard to find a suitable place to hold the meetings.

Rev. R. L. Peters PREACHED THE GOSPEL every night through out the three weeks of the meeting. To say that Bro. Peters is a Prince of Preachers is not saying enough and to say that he is a Master preacher hardly does him justice as we think of the series of matchless messages which he brought to Akron. The power of his sermons can be attributed to the long years of active ministry and rich experience which has been his. His willingness to work the field in the daytime with Bro. Arnold and his ability to meet crises enabled him on Thursday evening November 27 to set up a Christian Church in Akron, Ohio with 12 members and thirty good prospects for the minister going in to begin with. The roll will remain open for charter members a little longer.

A salary of $100.00 per month is ready for a good man who is willing to be challenged by a live and growing field. The Monroe Avenue Church, Columbus, is due much credit for having this spirit of evangelism to the extent of releasing their energetic and aggressive pastor from his activities at home to go “over in Macedonia” and help extend the Kingdom. We need more Arnolds with such vision of the needs of the field and with the courage to go out into the vineyard even in the heat of the day. Such a generosity of spirit and such genuine adventuring has brought to realization a congregation of Disciples in an urban area where the field is indeed white unto the harvest, though the laborer are few. Let us pray the Lord of the harvest that He may send forth workers and that the knowledge and glory of our God and King may cover the earth as the waters that cover the sea.

P. S.: Subscriptions to the “Plea” will be coming from Akron.

WILLIAMSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Rev. W. F. Keyes, Pastor
Mrs. Cherridell Ellis, Reporter
1595 East New York Ave., Brooklyn, New York.

Will all sister churches of Christ help this church in campaign for $2,000 to be paid in February 1942. Send all donations to Williamsburg Christian Church, Lee Ave. and Keap St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

SHADY GROVE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Mrs. David Robinson, Reporter
R. R. 3, Box 7
Campbellsville Kentucky

The members and friends of this church are greatly pleased with the services of Elder and Mrs. F. O. Walker of London, Kentucky. They come to us every third Sunday. We have painted our church and repaired it in many ways. Deacon David Robinson is very encouraged to carry on with the other loyal members.
I sent you a report on the receipts, and information concerning the disbursements will be available when the minutes are out. They are now in the hands of the printer and should be available within a few days.

Heretofore they have had to wait a whole year for that information, so I do not feel that ninety days is too long under the circumstances.

It might be well to let the folk know that while it is their privilege to express their preference for the next meeting place of our National Convention, the final decision will be made by the Executive Committee. I am sure however, such information would be of great help to the Committee in reaching a decision.

We had a great Convention last August, and I am sure the next one will be greater, if we all get solidly behind our President and General Secretary and push with all of our might. Let us all declare an armistice on our differences, forget about personalities and see the cause. Let us save our "Militant Spirits" to enliven the convention sessions.

In fact, we can make a bigger fight after having done a big work years. But to do nothing all the year but find fault and then fight it out at the convention is stupid to say the least. President Watson is doing a fine job, and he doesn't have time to find fault with everybody and everything.

L. L. Dickerson

TO THE CHURCHES OF KENTUCKY

A. D. Gault, Correspondent of the Kentucky State Convention
Mayslick, Kentucky

Hello, Co-Workers, we held a fine State Convention at Carlisle last July. We planned a fine program. To carry it out, each church needs to come up with their State apportionments. We need the help of each pastor and his church, district presidents, and state workers. You will soon be receiving letters from me concerning the second quarter of your apportionment.

The Kentucky State Convention, taking in all its departments, raised $134.56. We want to do better this year. We have Rev. H. D. Griffin our good State Evangelist in the field. Rev. Griffin is doing a very good job.

I was selected by your delegates in our last State Convention. If I make a success I am your Corresponding Secretary. There is some work in the State we need to do, but we must get some money in the State treasury. We need to start churches in Ashland, Frankfort and Lynch. I understand we have lots of members in those towns. What we need is for the State Evangelist to go in those places and spend a month. All the money he raises should be spent in that place, and he should receive his salary from the State Board. To carry out this plan we will have to get some money in the State treasury.

We can do a great work in Kentucky, if each member will make himself a committee of one. Let us think of these things and go forward with the State program.

REPORT OF YOUNGSTOWN CHURCH

W. J. Ayers, reporter
P. O. Box 446
Youngstown, Ohio

Elder R. L. Peters of Winston Salem, N. C., after holding a two weeks' revival service at Akron, was the guest speaker at the morning and evening services at the Youngstown Church on Nov. 30th. Elder Peters, in his usual manner uplifted the congregation when he spoke on "Spiritual Warfare"—taken from Paul’s advice to Christians to "put on the whole armor of God." As a result from this sermon the Lord added soul to His Church. The evening service was just as impressive. To a very large audience Elder Peters preached on the topic "Come now let us reason together." We can truthfully say that from his visit, Elder Peters has edified the church—and we can notice a greater effort on the part of the members to attend to their church duties more religiously. On the Sunday in December we are planning to have our last rally for the year. Elder Barnett has labored very faithfully since he has been with us and he has made strenuous efforts to establish a church here—and with the cooperation of the members we are confident that this church will soon have a place of worship of its own.

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EAST SIXTH STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

R. L. Sercy, Pastor
O. D. Henry, Reporter
515 North Lottie
Oklahoma City, Okla.

We are still laboring in the Master's cause, doing very well, both spiritually and financially.

We had three additions in the month of November. Total amount raised was $404.61. We are looking forward to starting a new building.

We lost one of our faithful members, Sister Livie Lee Woods Draughn, of Chickasha, Oklahoma.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year in Kingdom building.

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EDWARD CHAPEL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Mary B. Franklin
911 Court St.
Russelville, Arkansas

The Edward Chapel Christian Church is still struggling to carry on the Master's work. The Christian Endeavor meets at 6 p.m., each Lord's Day. The members have bought 10 Bibles for the church, and a large chair for the church pew. We have a loyal membership and are making many sacrifices to keep the work going.

The young folk of the church are very interested in the program of the church and work with anxiety.

"A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing."
Our helper He, amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing."

Hello, Friends, we are still on the pathway of duty. We are still moving since our Fall Revival. Our Pastor, Rev. E. B. Toles, brings interesting sermons each first and second Sundays. On the second Sunday in November, the official board held its monthly meeting. In that meeting, the writer recommended to the board to have one worrship for the Bible School and Church. The worship is to come between the latter part of the Bible School and the beginning of the Church. The board accepted it. We tried this system Sunday, November 30, and everyone seemed to like it.

We hope to bring the Church and Bible School together in a program. Sunday afternoon, November 30, we had a white and blue pew rally. Miss Amelia Gault was the captain of the whites, and G. L. Anderson was the captain of the blues. Miss Gault's team raised $17.10, and Mr. Anderson's team raised $4.25. The total amount received was $21.35. Rev. Toles always has something interesting before the church.

We are looking forward to the Christmas Tree Program by the Bible School. Old Santa will be there.

Our members that have moved to Ohio have not forgotten the church. They still send money back to the church. November 30, Mrs. Maggie Cross sent $1.00, and Mrs. Annabel Johnson of Columbus, Ohio sent 50 cents.

We hope to keep the home fires burning.

"OLE KENTUCK"

By Elder C. H. Dickerson
Lexington, Kentucky

The Jubilee National Convention was the place where one could see the fruits of the Kentucky school money. A fine type of young men have been aided by this money to prepare for the Christian Ministry. Young Elders Heath, Dixon, Bridges, and Webb, all from Butler University, are the young men.

The Kentucky school money administered by the U. C. M. S. is returning a hundred fold. It will surely make others. If this money could talk, it would tell a wonderful story. With the equity we already have in this matter we have in hand some means of increasing this fund—if all goes well. I believe that it is our best bet. Professor Jason Cowan and Professor Gibbs of Jarvis had a hand in this pie.
ECHOES OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Elder E. E. Patterson, Pastor
Thelma Loggins, Reporter

The house of worship for the members, friends and visitors of Stuart, here and elsewhere, has been in readiness for the past few months. Our church is a friendly church; the doors are forever open to everyone. We, the members, thank very much the ones that have so gratefully helped us so far, and hope you will continue helping us.

We have the Lord to thank more than anyone for his many blessings which have enabled us to build a worshiping place here. The Lord has started with us, and if we hold out, He will be here with us until the end.

Rev. Patterson is our shepherd; we are his flock; where he leads us we will follow. Under his leadership we are doing wonderful work.

Miss Rena Staples gave a very inspiring Thanksgiving program, consisting of recitations, and a very appropriate play entitled, "The Poor and Rich Girls." The following characters participated: Miss Lucille London—poor mother; Miss Dorothy Rucker—rich mother; Mary Jane Radcliffe—rich girl; Ruth Houchins—poor girl, and the other characters were Misses Betty J. Loggins, Bobby Jean Rose, Sally R. Rucker, and Richard Ross, Jr., Raymond Ross, Josh Staples Jr., also Mildred Ann Spencer, Mrs. Erleen Pullins presided at the piano. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed the program.

On Friday night November 28, E. E. Tanner soloist radio artist and Gospel singer from Winston-Salem accompanied by others rendered a heartfelt program at the church.

On Sunday, November 30, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Porter from New York rendered a declamation and musical program at the Church of Christ. The church was filled to its capacity and with white and colored. Everyone enjoyed the program, and hope to have them back soon.

SHAW CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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Sister Johanna passed this life June 6, 1941, and Shaw Christian Church lost one of her pioneer members. We hope to have more members like her. Her place is hard to fill. Sister Johanna was always at her church. She helped in the Sunday School and every other duty you might call upon her to perform. She was truly a loyal member. She left to mourn her death four sisters, a host of relatives and friends. She left one Sister, we will meet you in the land beyond.

Sister Maggie Johnson, wife of Bro. Frank Johnson, our Deacon, passed this life October 1, 1941. Sister Maggie was a faithful member and a real Christian. She was always willing to do anything that was assigned her. We hope to have many more like Sister Maggie.

Following is a list of the deceased members of our church: Elder B. C. Calvert, Pastor; Elder G. T. Nelumns; Deacon Tom Salls; Deacon Elisha Mary Nelumns; Johanna Nelumns; Malinda Brown; Beauce Booker, and Maggie Johnson.

The passing of these beloved ones brings sadness to our hearts. It also makes us more determined to do more and better work for the cause. We are sending in seven new subscribers.

Bro. Frank Johnson and family are leaving for Chicago. Bro. Tie Wright and wife moved to Clarksdale. We hate to give up these faithful members. We hope and trust they will find another Christian Church.

MEN'S DAY—MISSISSIPPI BOULEVARD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Memphis, Tenn.

By Mrs. C. E. Rowan, Reporter

The second annual Men's Day was observed at Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church, Sunday, November 23 1941. Mr. L. J. Searcy Executive Secretary of Community Welfare League was guest speaker. Mr. Searcy is well known in civic and social activities of Memphis, having recently been awarded the Omega Award for his activities in the United States Defense Program.

After introduction of the speaker by the Pastor, Rev. B. T. Hunt, Mr. Searcy gave a very inspiring talk on "THE CHURCH AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO THE COMMUNITY." Excerpts from his address:

"The community must rely upon the church as a bulwark of good influence. There is no institution of more importance than the church, unless it is the home, which represents the foundation of the church. The church will grow without ceasing. Its program may be interrupted by wars, conception of agnostics, etc., but the fact remains—the church will stand. In all ages the church has been the guiding spirit in the affairs of men. Jesus went about educating people, feeding them, clothing them and comforting them in their hour of need and grief. Did not his work set the pattern for us? Today we have hospitals, orphanages to provide care and service for the sick and less fortunate. The church is called upon for community work, burying the dead, visiting the sick, etc."

Special music was furnished by the choir. The amount raised for the day was $248.00.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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Our delegates have just returned from the first quarterly meeting of the Mound Bayou District, which met at Bethel Church, 15 miles south-east of Greenwood, Mississippi. They reported that all the churches in the district were represented but three. They also reported that the meeting was fine in Fellowship and worship. A partial report showed that the sum of $86.55 was raised. Elders Yarbro, Payre, and G. W. Wall, delivered the sermons during the meetings. Elder I C. Franklin, State evangelist of Port Gibson, was present doing his share to carry on the work of Kingdom building for the Master.

THE ELEVENTH STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Memphis, Tenn.

By Mrs. C. E. Rowan, Reporter

More and more we are reading the CHRISTIAN PLEA. The building program is uppermost in our minds and we hope to accomplish our aim in the near future.

In the voting relative to the meeting of the next National Convention the results were as follows: California—10, Louisville—16, and Nashville—8.

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