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OUR BROTHERHOOD CHALLENGE IN 1942

Pardon

This is

CHIEF C. R. D. WHITFIELD
Kingston, N.C.

The picture last month was an error.

PLEDGES COME IN FOR
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What Is It All About?
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I hereby pledge to Taylor Christian College—

Name __________________________
Address __________________________

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W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor ___________ 100.00
Nashville Tennessee Friends _________ 1,000.00
Dr. J. E. Walker—Memphis—Large Support. Total to date $1,700.00

White churches—ask what we need. What is your pledge?

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1. Antioch, Plumerville, Arkansas.
2. Elliott Chapel, Wabasso, Arkansas.
5. Little Rock (Cerco St.), Little Rock, Ark.
6. Little Rock (Second), Little Rock, Ark.
12. West Palm Beach, Palm Beach Co., Fla.
13. Mt. Zion, St. Petersburg, 22nd St., Palm Beach.
20. Decatur (Second), Decatur, Ill.
21. Little Rock, Brookport, Ill.
22. Merriit, Massac Co., Ill.
23. Cobden, Union Co., Ill.
24. Second St., Indianapolis, Ind.
26. 2nd White Cloud, Donipon Co., Kans.
27. 2nd Lawrence, Kan.
29. Broadway, Germantown, Ky.
30. Burkesville, Burkesville, Ky.
31. Second, Mayfield, Ky.
32. Nebo, Madison Co., Ky.
33. Aaron's Run, Mt. Moriah, Ky.
34. Roaring Springs, Wallonia, Ky.
35. West Point, West Point, Miss.
36. Little Zion, Fayette Co., Miss.
37. Central, Vicksburg, Miss.
38. Second, Vandalia, Mo.
40. Second, Salisbury, Mo.
41. Second, New Haven, Mo.
42. Second, Lexington, Mo.
43. Second, Hamilton, Mo.
44. St. Auxbre, Osage Co., Mo.
45. Second, New London, Mo.
46. Second, Marhall, Mo.
47. Galilee, Brooklyn, N.Y.
48. Brouze, Patent, N.Y.
49. Gaylord, Belhaven, N.C.
50. God's Chapel, N.C.
51. Damascus, Clarnton, N.C.
52. Pine Bluff, Stanfield.
53. Thedes, Fayetteville, N.C.
54. Piney Grove, Harbinger, N.C.
55. Coalson, Duplin Co., N.C.
56. St. Mary, Speed, N.C.
57. Middle Fork, Winston-Salem, N.C.
58. Ninth St., Winston-Salem, N.C.
59. Best Chapel, Snow Hill, N.C.
60. Antioch, Greensboro, N.C.
61. East St., Greensboro, N.C.
62. St. Stephen, Dunn, N.C.
63. Zion Hill, Swanquarter, N.C.
64. Bentonville, N.C.
65. Cedar Grove, Princeton, N.C.
66. Elizabeth, Princeton, N.C.
67. Hickory Grove, Four Oaks, N.C.
68. Juniper Grove, Tour Oaks, N.C.
69. Long Branch, Benson, N.C.
70. Eour Chapel, Winston, N.C.
71. Mt. Carmel, Janesville, N.C.
72. Battleboro, Battleboro, N.C.
73. Antioch, Wimington, N.C.
74. Mt. Vernon, Myrtle Grove Sound, N.C.
75. Grimes Chapel, Grifton, N.C.
76. Heath Grove, Greenville, N.C.
77. Little Salem, Reldaville, N.C.
NEGRO DISCIPLE PREACHERS FOR KINGDOM BUILDING 1941-42

General religious worker ........ 13
Preach occasionally ............. 34
In Business—Preach occasionally . 35
In Business—Preach regularly ...... 20
Students ....................... 6
Evangelists .................... 7
Chaplains ...................... 2
Retired ...................... 12
Ministers ..................... 370

Negro Regional Work—R. Wesley Watson, Missouri, Kansas, and Oklahoma.

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Negro Churches Receiving Home Mission Aid
Alabama—T. Birmingham, A. J.
Jeffries.
California—2. Los Angeles, C.
Duke.
Kentucky—3. Georgetown, Ira S.
Ash.
New York—5. Brooklyn, R. E. Han-
cock.
Ohio—6. Cleveland, C. E. Raggett
7. Columbus, C. W. Arnold.

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Write your preference—
1. Los Angeles, California
2. Nashville, Tennessee
3. Write in any place you want.

Send to—Editor, Christian Plea
449 4th Avenue, N.
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VOTE NOW! VOTE NOW!

RESULTS TO DATE—VOTES
Alabama—Nashville .......... 31
Indiana—Nashville .......... 1
North Carolina—Nashville ...... 1
Tennessee—Nashville .......... 1
Arkansas—Nashville .......... 1
Alabama—Los Angeles ........ 10
Tennessie—Los Angeles ........ 1
Indiana—Indianapolis .......... 1
Tennessee—Indianapolis ........ 1
Alabama—Louisville .......... 16

Yakima, Wash.—Los Angeles .... 1
Chicago, III.—Los Angeles . 3
Chicago, III.—Kentucky ...... 4
Chicago, Ill.—Nashville ...... 2
Tennessee—Indianapolis ....... 1

Results—Nashville ......... 37
Kentucky ........... 20
Los Angeles ........ 15
Indianapolis .......... 2

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California 155.89
Florida 11.00
Georgia 3.61
Illinois 359.80
Indiana 238.90
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Kentucky 361.76
Maryland 116.18
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Mississippi 442.50
Missouri 433.79
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Let's get 100 before Easter.

Incomplete Financial Statement of National Christian Missionary Convention, August, 1941.
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.

NOTICE!

Will all Sister Churches of Christ help this church in its campaign for $2,000 to be paid in February, 1942.
Send all donations to Williamsburg Christian Church, Lee Ave. and Keys St., Brookllyn, N.Y.

Rev. W. F. Keys, Pastor
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Brooklyn, N.Y.
VACANT PULPITS PRESENTS

DILEMMA IN TENNESSEE

By Elder D. W. Bradley

State President

Box 152

Rogersville, Tennessee

Dear Editor of the Christian Plea:

I am a member of the church of Christ and pastor of a church in a small community. There are many like me all across the land who are facing a difficult situation. Our church has been left without a pastor, and we are left to find our own way. This is a time of personal anxiety for us.

In Extremis

An Affirmation for a Time of Personal Anxiety

In these times of uncertainty, I find comfort in the words of James Myers: "I am still, and know that Thou art God."
JANUARY, 1942

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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

EDITORIAL

THE NEW FRONTIER
By W. K. Fox
1156 E. 57th St.
Chicago, Ill.

The freshness of the new year is still with us, bringing forth the unfinished business of the past, the joys of the present and hopes and aspirations of the future. Our experiences in the contemporary scene seem to justify our thinking that turbulent times lie ahead. Each unit in society (individual, group, institution, etc.) is beginning to rethink its position in the light of contemporary experience. Indeed, when each of these units sees itself in the context of current world affairs, its responsibilities and function must, of necessity, be interpreted as they relate to the total scene.

As we look back over the historical path the Church has trod, we see that it survives today only because stalwart leaders within its communions have sought to interpret and rethink its position in the light of current situations. History shows us that when the church began to see its function in relation to all aspects of culture, it became the powerful integrating factor for all values of human experience (political, economical, social, domestic, educational, etc.) Indeed, the present world crisis presents a challenge and new frontier to us as Disciples and as members of the great catholic Christian movement. It is a moving and serious thing to realize that at this very moment we are Christians. It is to us in the living present that the question is addressed: “Which way Church?” We all recognize the fact that we as a body are at a point of frustration. In many of our operations we are uncertain as to our direction. For instance, can we state clearly the Christian position which should be taken by every Negro in the present world conflict? To what extent can we be idealistic and at the same time be realistic? What should be the relationship between Church and State? What are the Christian implications involved in the treatment of the Negro in our armored units? All of these vital problems affect all of us in the Disciple Brotherhood. It is the duty of us Christian workers to lay before our brothers such materials and suggestions as will enable them to reach their own conclusions on such problems.

I watched with earnest interest the proceedings at our 1941 National Convention. I was impressed by our illustrious brother and president, R. Wesley Watson. I felt uplifted and inspired by such great Christian personalitics as: Rosa Page Welch, singer, educator, leader; Merl R. Eppse, educator, historian, leader, etc.; C. H. Dickerson, man of wit and thought; R. H. Peoples, kindliness and efficiency personified; Rosa Bracy, pioneer missionary; Carnella Jamison, none better; W. H. Taylor and J. E. Walker, stalwarts, fighters, Christian Pres. Washington, educator of no mean ability; and a host of others. I felt indeed honored to be allowed to be associated with such young ambitious ministerial stalwarts as: R. L. Saunders, R. U. Banks, W. O. Gill, E. J. Dickson and brother, (Craggett, Jr.), Webb, Bridges and Heath. However, the atmosphere provided by all of these great characters and many others seemed to lack something. There seemed to be the lack of one note, which if it were emphasized sufficiently, would have made the total convention program more in harmony with the rhythm of world affairs. That note could have been supplied, I think, if some sort of "social creed" had been formulated; that is to say, some statement as to how the entire 50,000 of us might seek to see our function as members of the Christian movement in this contemporary crisis.

Since then I have watched the articles of the Plea in equal interest, to see if such articles would be written by our leaders (laymen or otherwise). I have been impressed by the practical impetus of our president’s articles and the same philosophical expressions of F. J. D. McKinney and the articles of others, such as W. H. Taylor. However, I do not believe too much has been said concerning an operative view of our Christian program as it relates to the contemporary scene.

This column called The New Frontier has been proposed as the place in our National oracle where such views may be expressed in forum fashion. It is also suggested that this column may be used as place where:

a. Our National workers may further make available new and effective techniques which might be considered for use in our respective churches;

b. The members of our young clergy may share with us helpful insights which they have obtained through study or recent experience.

Are the problems of the world today existing solely because the world has willfully departed from God or do they obtain also because we (the Church) have put God so far into the celestial realm of eternal bliss through scriptural exegesis, theology, etc., until the world can not see how to reach Him? The New Frontier proposes to make us more aware of how God operates in the ongoing stream of life.
We shall be looking for your views on these matters.

—W. K. FOX

Please send your article to:
William K. Fox
1156 E. 57th Street
Disciples Divinity House
Chicago, Ill.

Please do not make it over a page and a half typewritten; double-space if possible. Send in at least by the first of the month.

DECEMBER REPORT OF MONEY TURNED OVER TO CHRISTIAN PLEA TRIBUNAL

DECEMBER, 1941

1. Miss Agnes Henderson, Box 22823, U. S. sta., Enid, Okla. $1.00

2. Elder T. H. Armstrong, 303 W. Elm St., Goldsboro, N.C. 1.00

3. Mrs. Mary E. Graves, 1048 Pavonia St., Benton Harbor, Mich. 1.00

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5. Mrs. Rosa Wicks for 10 Pleas sold 1.00

6. Mrs. J. C. Overman, 4109 Prairie Ave., Chicago, Ill. 4.25

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8. Mrs. Daisey S. Frieron, 856 Sherman Ave., Springfield, Ohio 1.00

9. Elder J. O. Henry for Mrs. J. F. Powell, R. L. Box 121 A, Fayetteville 1.00

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11. Mrs. Elizabeth Wells, 2543 E. 61st St., Cleveland, Ohio for 5 sub. 3.75

12. Mrs. N. J. Pulgen, Box 670, Green- ville, Texas, for 10 subscriptions 7.50

13. Mrs. J. O. Bowies, 2024 Dennison Ave., Little Rock, Ark., for 4 sub 3.39

14. Mrs. Mayme Queen, 621 Pennsylvania Ave., Hagerstown, Md., for 10 subscriptions 3.39

15. Mrs. J. O. Bowies, 2024 Dennison Ave., Little Rock, Ark., for 4 sub 3.39

16. Rev. T. B. Frost, Hawkins, Texas, in a general way at the Training School, we sleep on the job and refuse to think for ourselves. So

17. Let me say "mop up" on the ground covered in these passages.

18. Mrs. J. W. Simmons, 2503 Alameda St., Nashville, Tenn., for 1 yr. Sub. 1.00

19. Mrs. Kathryn E. Martin, 3813 S. 11th Ave., Maywood, Ill. 1.00

Total $41.49

HERE AND THERE

(Continued from Page 3)

denomination of which they belonged, until it almost put them in a rut. Today as I think of my people, as I note conditions as they are, and check the cause of our present status, I no longer pause or wonder why, for the answer is clear. It is said that down in Georgia, there is a sign "Read and Run." We too, are guilty of the act.

We read our text books while in our schools, our Bibles, but we run over the real lesson thought in them. As an instructor, I have found in the classroom, so many times a group of girls who could on a quiz or examination make 100 on a fact question while the boys would fail, yet the same girls would fail and the boys would, let me say "mop up" on the thought questions. Our trouble today, we are too dependent on others and refuse to think for ourselves. So often do our people say where we go to church but few people are there. The Bible says, "Where two or three are gathered in His name He will be there." Again they say, Jesus said, "First seek the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you." Yes it says that and more in substance, but did we run along or stop and think of the ground covered in these passages. We lay too much stress on being holy and practicing the form of the sects. We should read our Bibles and with understanding, stop and think for ourselves, apply reason, contrast our life and practice with the Disciples of the early church. To know the facts is O.K., but it is better to think and reason out a matter and make an application. Let us look to our schools, thought at Kingston, N.C., the Leadership Training School. In the school, they are not only taught to be holy but to be healthy, healthy in mind by cultivating clear thoughts and attitudes toward others. Healthy by being broad-minded. Healthy visions by seeing things in their proper angle. In the social and economic world we are too often sick financially. We are well versed when it comes to our Bible, but when it comes to the things about us or some future rise of affairs we sleep on the job and get caught in deep water financially, and do not want for the things of the world.

Jesus would have us enjoy some of the pleasant things of this world. We teach how to be holy and healthy in a general way at the Training School. What about our health when it comes to worship? If we were put on the scales do you not think we would be found wanting? Are we not in a bad state of health when it comes to our taste for sermons? Do we not still call the man who can not want or the things in our lives, and return it. If you have lost your card then mail us a postal saying you want to enroll and we will send you the materials and a certificate of participation.

Sincerely,
R. H. PEOPLES

ANNOUNCING THE "UNITED CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ADVANCE"

What Is It?

The United Christian Education Advance is a cooperative campaign being launched by the Protestant churches of North America to

"Reach every person with Christian teaching"

In the Home—through

Regular Bible reading and prayer.

Living as Christians in the family.

In the Church—through

Increased attendance.

Improved teaching for Christian discipleship.

In the community—through

Bringing every person into the fellowship of the church.

Churches working together to establish a Christian community.

Churches Invited to Join

This campaign begins January 1, 1942 and closes December 31, 1945. Letters have gone out to our churches urging them to join. Only 18 have responded from the following states:

Arkansas 1, Illinois 1, Kansas 1, Kentucky 2, Michigan 2, Mississippi 1, Missouri 2, North Carolina 3, Ohio 1, Oklahoma 2, and South Carolina 2. We hope many others will sign up immediately. Just fill out the card and return it. If you have lost your card then mail us a postal saying you want to enroll and we will send you the materials and a certificate of participation.

Sincerely,
R. H. PEOPLES

JANUARY, 1942
COLLEGE ACTIVITIES

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE
Edwards, Mississippi

Dear Friends:

You can read and write. Among the Negroes in our section one out of every five cannot. The Census shows that in our Edwards area 89% of the population are Negroes. More than 75% of the people are tenants. For the most part their houses are roughly-made, unpainted cabins papered on the inside with newspapers to keep out the cold. For windows many have only wooden shutters which are closed in winter. Many families never sit at a table for a meal. The Farm Security Administration estimates that 60% to 90% of the children suffer from insufficient diet. Deaths from pellagra are nine times the average for the nation. Approached from any angle you can see why the FSA lists this area as presenting greater human need than any other section of the country.

You can understand, therefore, why we are so grateful to our friends all over the country who are helping us to meet some of these needs. A few send money. Some send boxes of usable clothing for which there is great need and of which we can never get enough—clothing of all kinds for men, women, and children. There is an occasional musical instrument. We get good books and magazines which thru our traveling library serve the needs of the impoverished homes and rural schools of the area. Some send sheets, cases, quilts, blankets, tablecloths, napkins, towels, and other dormitory supplies. One group sent a registered ram; another, registered pigs. Farm and garden seeds and nursery stock come occasionally. Some send subscriptions to magazines or books for our own school library. Boxes of toys and other presents make happy our own students, and children in the homes to whom we carry them. An occasional barrel of apples or of canned fruit never makes us mad.

We are more than grateful for all of these contributions and especially appreciate your own interest and help. Big though it is, our task doesn't seem at all impossible when we know that helping us we have your prayers, your interest, and your continued support in so many ways.

A few of you have been kind enough to visit us on your trips this way. Such visits not only encourage us in our work, but they make it possible for you to see for yourself how great are the returns on your investment in Southern Christian. You are always more than welcome!

Most sincerely,

JOHN LONG
President

JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
Hawkins, Texas

"Around the Campus"

By Venita O. Carney

Jarvis resumed its industrial and academic activities at seven o'clock on the morning of December 30. The holiday vacationists were many during this season which greatly reduced the campus population. All who remained on the campus reported a jolly time.

Christmas brings all types of surprises and gifts to our campus. One member of our faculty returned after the holidays with a change of status. Miss H. M. Ware, teacher of piano and band, left the campus Miss Ware but returned Mrs. Joseph Gregory. Congratulations, Mrs. Gregory.

Dr. Daniel P. Clarke, School Psychologist of the New York State Training School for Boys of New York City, will speak in the Mary E. Ervin Chapel on Wednesday evening, January 7, at eight o'clock. He is sent by the Hogg Foundation which fund was left by the late Will Hogg to the University of Texas for the development of a Mental Hygiene for the state of Texas.

Students and faculty members alike are moving toward the goal of the semester's work which will be climaxed by semester examinations on January 24. It is hoped that the Christmas fog will be lifted by that time.

A beautiful American flag was presented to the institution by Mr. and Mrs. K. V. Lipscomb and friends just before the holidays. Just as soon as a pole can be erected, the passer-by will see the red, white, and blue floating above our campus.

Many student activities are scheduled for this month. The calendar is as follows:

January 3, Honor Society Social.
January 6, Mosley Sunday School Class Social.
January 10, Tidy Teen Social.
January 17, Sophomore Class Social.

The Sunday service calendar for the month of January is as follows:

January 4, Reverend W. O. Gill, Speaker.
January 11, Dean E. W. Rand, Speaker.
January 18, Missionary Program, sponsored by Division No. 1.
January 24, Ordination Service.
Subject: Some Facts About Preach-}

EVANGELISM

VIRGINIA — WEST VIRGINIA
NORTH CAROLINA
TRI-STATE ECHOES

"Thine Ears shall hear a Word behind thee, saying this is the way." — Isaiah 30:21

By Mrs. V. Spencer Hairston, Sec.
1320 E. 8th Street
Winston-Salem, N.C.

We have in the Tri-State District ten churches and seventeen ministers in good standing. Those who are not in charge of churches are busy doing Out-Post work and is required to make weekly reports to the office of the Field Secretary, 614 Hickory St., Winston-Salem, N.C.

We have a school of Evangelism in operation at Spencer Memorial Church for the training of ministers and church workers along all lines. This church closed a very successful year's work. The reports were made December 31, 1941 at the annual watch-meeting. It has been the custom of the church to baptize someone on this night, and there were three adult persons who put on Christ by baptism. The revival which began Christmas Day, December 25th will close January 11th. R. L. Peters doing the preaching. Jones Evangelistic team has charge of the song services.

The first Lord's Day in the New Year, the attendance in Bible School and Church was over the average. Offering around $50.00. The churches throughout the entire District so far as can be heard from are progressing nicely.

To the Brethren everywhere I am now making out my itinerary for the first three months, January, February, and March. I have several requests to hold meetings and all who may desire my services please let me know at once that I may be able to complete my itinerary.

R. L. PETERS
National Evangelist

A LOOK INTO THE FUTURE

As the old year ends and the New Year dawns, it is proper that we say good-bye to the past with a minimum of regret and hello to the future with a maximum of optimism and confidence. For the past is valueless to us except in so far as it benefits now and in the future.
It is in the future that our salvation or our downfall lies. And the choice lies largely in our own choosing. If we look for despair, we will find it. If we look for courage and hope, we will likewise find them. Courage, optimism and a warm sense of humor are always welcome, and doubly so in a troubled, disordered world such as we have today. So more than ever it is our patriotic and Christian duty to spread good cheer, to foster hope, to reach courage, to serve our fellowmen, physically and spiritually.

Never were unity, fidelity and devotion among ourselves more important than now. No longer should we accept our blessings as a matter of course. No longer should we count our fortunes with self-centered, miserly greed. Rather should we appraise them in proportion to their worth to our people as a whole. For, in times of national peril, the fate of one is the fate of all, since personal fortunes are secure only in so far as the nation is secure.

So, as the new year approaches, let us not be defeatists and alarmists, but by the same token, let us face facts, however adverse, with courage and determination, for only in that spirit are obstacles overcome and victories won.

Now as the Great Apostle to the Gentile said, Eph. 6:11, "Let us put on the whole armour of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

And, with that good old invincible American spirit, we say to our friends, "Happy New Year," and to our foes, "Scrappy New Year."

—R. L. PETERS
National Evangelist

TOGETHER WE STAND—DIVIDED WE FALL
Rev. and Mrs. D. W. Heath
Jackson, Mississippi

Two months have passed since Rev. and Mrs. D. W. Heath arrived in Jackson, Miss. to take over the work at the North and West Jackson Christian Churches. These months have been months of action. The members have doubled their efforts in the various activities. During the month of December, Brother Heath was able to take ten new members into the fold. Eight were taken in at the North Church, and two at the West Church.

Brother Heath has outlined a full schedule which includes the work of these two Christian Churches from their beginning to the present day and also their future outlook. Such days as installation services, special dedicatory services, Thanksgiving and Christmas programs, Watch meetings, Evangelistic services, fellowship days, young peoples days, Men's day and Woman's day, Easter services and other special days.

The Heaths sincerely hope that by the means of carrying out this schedule to its fullest that these two churches will be more revived and able to keep pace with any religious program.

ECHOES FROM THE OLD ASPARAGUS BED
By A. D. Gault
Mayslick, Kentucky

Hello friends. We are still on the job. The first and second Sundays kept everybody busy paying bills.

Sunday School is being held every Sunday. On December 7, Mrs. Maggie Cross from Clarksville, Ohio, was a visitor to the church. The Sunday School had a Christmas tree sponsored by Mrs. Ella Mae Corde. The church was beautifully decorated by the pastor, Rev. Toles and fifty-three sacks of candy were given out to the children. Out of town guests consisted of Rev. H. T. Keeton, wife and daughter of the Baptist church, Maysville, Ky., Mr. J. A. Johnson and family of Germantown.

At the closing of the program certificates were awarded to officers of the church for their services. A. D. Gault, V. B. Hotz, G. L. Anderson were those who were awarded with certificates.

Notice: Attention has been called to an error in the amount of money raised by the Kentucky State Convention. The correct amount was $394.56.
MORGAN AVENUE CHRISTIAN
CHURCH
Elder G. E. Lakes, Minister
Ruby Calhoun, Reporter
2524 Morton
Parsons, Kansas

Morgan Avenue Christian Church
is still on an upward climb. The month of
December has been a month of some very
fine work and outstanding
achievements. The Willing Workers' Club
sponsored a "Baby Contest" which was a success.
There were four babies in the contest: The first
prize winner, Donald Edward Goodseal; the
second prize winner, Roland Hayes Lakes; the third
prize winner, Richard Clifford Hightower and fourth
prize went to Anna Marie Watkins.

Mrs. Ida Glass was the general sponsor.
Other individual sponsors were Mmes. Barbara Bridgewater, Lora
Davidson, Ella Mallory and Essie T. Garrett. A program was presented
in connection with the contest. The total
amount raised was $94.34.

We received outstanding cooperation
from our merchants and friends and
we have also received some very
fine gifts from our whate Brethren.

We are thankful that we are able
to do something the past year that has
not happened in a number of years
and that is to enter the New Year
without owing anyone a single debt.

We are entering this New Year
with as many of the Brotherhood
Programs as we can. We are now
making plans for our Brotherhood Dinner.

MISSISSIPPI BLVD. CHURCH
HOLDS BIBLE SCHOOL
CONTEST
Dr. J. E. Walker's Class Wins

Mrs. C. E. Rowan, Reporter

A very successful contest among
the classes of the Mississippi Blvd.
Christian Church Bible School was ended
with Class No. 1 winning the laurels.

The rules for the Competitive Drive
were as follows:

1 vote for each member present.
3 votes for each visitor present.
5 votes for each new member.
1 vote for each five (5) cents contributed.

Persons counted present up to 10:50 A.M.
Donations counted present up to 10:55 A.M.

The winning class of whom Dr.
J. E. Walker is Teacher scored thus:
Number present 90
Visitors 10
New Members 8
Offering $25.95

Below is a list of the Classes in
order of points:

Class No. 1—Dr. J. E. Walker, Teacher, 679 points.
Class No. 2—Mr. Wm. Yarbrough, Teacher, 468 points.
Class No. 3—Mrs. Ambrie Brown, Teacher, 288 points.
Class No. 4—Prof. J. A. Swayze, Teacher, 199 points.
Class No. 5—Prof. I. A. Gentry, Teacher, 138 points.
Class No. 6—Mrs. Chas Johnson, Teacher, 138 points.

Total number of New Members 24.

Money received $82.81.
The main objective of the Drive
was to create interest in Kingdom
Building to the extent that the community
might be aroused to serve
an unchangeable Christ in a chang-
ing world.

Mr. M. W. Bonner, Secretary of
Universal Life Insurance Company is
the Superintendent of the Bible School,
and his influence in the community
has been felt in these years
since the organization of the church.

BOLL STREET CHRISTIAN
CHURCH REPORTS
Rev. C. L. Parks, Pastor
Kyle Blair, Secretary of Board
Dallas, Texas

December was a great month for
Boll Street Christian Church. The
report shows that the
General Collection was $116.70
Miscellaneous Gifts 8.00

Total General Fund $124.70

Special Effort $ 60.35
Christmas Cheer Fund 41.66
Collected on Pastor's Xmas Gift 33.35
Trustees 25.00
Bible School 14.01
Church Benevolence 7.43
Usher Board 3.80

Grand Total $310.30

MT. OLIVET CHRISTIAN MIS-
SIONARY SOCIETY REPORTS
Mrs. Esther Scott
325 N. Calhoun St., Baltimore, Md.
Pastor, Rev. C. L. Whitfield

At the end of the church year
(June 30, 1941) our report showed we had
raised $172.95. At this meeting we set
our goal for the next year at $300.00
half of which was to be had by De-
December 31. On our Woman's Day a
large amount of this money was
raised and we are happy to report
that more than $175.00 is in the
treasury. This includes the monthly
dues. More than half of our National
apportionment is paid and more than
half of the church budget is paid.

Christmas presents and needed dona-
tions were given. These things could
not have been successfully done with-
out the help of God. We are praying
that the missionary spirit may per-
vail in the hearts of all the members
of the church, that this work may
continue.

Mrs. Lucy Murdock, who is presi-
dent of the society, is not only presi-
dent in name, only, but works side
by side with the group leaders and
members of the Missionary Society.

Mrs. Fanny Owens is the new secre-
tary, Mrs. Ida Ford, the Vice-Presi-
dent is credited with raising more
than $25.00 for Woman's Day, Mrs.
Mary Curtis, the treasurer, is a real
Missionary worker as she spends most
of her spare time visiting the sick.

The group leaders are: (1) Mrs. D.
Tisdale, (2) Mrs. L. Murdock, (3)
Mrs. E. Scott, (4) Mr. N. Murdock.

At each meeting the choir under the
direction of Mrs. Mildred Gilliard
renders music.
REPORT OF DISTRICT EVANGELIST
Mrs. Maude Davis
Taylor, Texas

On returning from our National Convention, where we were royally entertained at the beautiful A. and I. College, of which our own Editor, Merle Eppse and Sister Ida Taylor, including our Texas son Rev. L. H. Crawford, proved themselves grandmasters in the “art of entertainment.” I returned with spiritual enthusiasm to the Master’s vineyard, to give an account of my stewardship.

On September 30, I held my first district board of the Convention year in Holland, Texas, which was very successful, owing to the short period in which I had to work up my program.

October 10, Mrs. Orah Garrett, Miss Dussie Evans, Mrs. Franklye Hall Brown, and I motored over to Lyons. There we visited the St. James Christian Church. We arrived as Bible School was in progress. There I found Bro. F. H. Moore and Rev. E. B. Washington, Sr., at their post of duty. The congregation is rebuilding their church and by spring they are looking forward of having a new edifice in which to worship.

We held two services of which many seemed to be inspired. Rev. Nix, the Davilla pastor came over and helped out in the service. Mrs. Arah Garrett spoke to the Missionary Society, stressing the importance of making their regular reports and their cooperation with the State and National work.

Rev. E. B. Washington, Jr., who formerly pastored the Romine Church in Dallas, now living on his own farm joining his father’s and teaching in the Lyons Consolidated Rural School, had us for dinner. I was so much impressed with the home of Bro. Washington and his very industrious wife. I trust you will pardon me for being so long since I have seen a young woman so industrious. Even the four miles from town, her yard was full of the most beautiful flowers, the chickens also added to the beauty of home life. Mrs. Washington practices the “Live at Home” plan. On her pantry shelves there were to be found all kinds of canned vegetables and fruits, pickles, jams and preserves. She attended morning services and invited five guests home with her for dinner, and prepared a delicious dinner in less than an hour. She is what I would term an “Ideal ministers wife.” They have a lovely home, electric lights, radio, spacious living room and a fine library of books. A home which is an inspiration and an asset to any rural community.

PROGRAM

of

DISTRICT BOARD
“SPIRITUAL FEAST”
Sunday, November 30, 1941

Service conducted without announce-

ment

Pulpit with open Bible and tall

lighted candles

Seven tables with white clothes,

lighted candle, program and Bible on
each table

Seated Rev. G. W. Taylor (Commun-

ion Table) Elder Garrett

Congregation sat in groups around
each table

Prelude: ‘Allegro’ Burleigh

Prayer ____________ Prof. I. Q. Hurdle

Hymn No. 11—Song of Praises

Congregation

Table No. 1—Bread of Life, John 6,

48-59, Waco Delegation

Hymn No. 274—Break Thou the

Bread of Life

Table No. 2—Living Water, John

4, 13-16, 37:38

By Holland Delegation

Hymn No. 200—I Heard the Voice

of Jesus Say

Congregation

Table No. 3—Milk of the Word,

Heb. 5:13, I Peter 2, 2-7

By Austin Delegation

Hymn No. 186—Sweeter As the

Years Go By

Congregation

Table No. 4—Spiritual Meat, I Cor.

10, 2-5, Heb. 5, 14

Lyons Congregation

Hymn No. 210—Dwelling in Beulah

Land

Congregation

Table No. 5—Fruit of the Spirit,

John 1, 1-18

Taylor Delegation

Hymn—Just A Closer Walk With

Thee

Congregation

Table No. 6—Tithes and Offerings,

Mal. 3; 10, I Cor. 16:2, 2nd

Cor. 9:6-7

David Deacons

Offertery—‘Adantino’ C. Ashford

(Candle Light Out) Communion

under the Neon Cross

Table No. 7—Communion conducted by

Rev. G. W. Taylor and Elder

Garrett of Austin; Deacons Marshall,

Nix, Nealy, Rector.

Hymn No. 259—Love That Will

Not Let Me Go

Congregation

Benediction

Rev. G. W. Taylor

Music furnished by Mrs. Arah Garrett

Offerng $38.73

Evangelist—Mrs. Maude Davis

MURPHY ST. CHRISTIAN
Mrs. Maude Davis

Owing to the Annual Conference of the Methodist Church, the Missionary Society used the second Sunday in December for Woman’s Day. We had as our guest speaker, Mrs. E. G. Ward Titus who delivered two great messages, on Sunday, December 14. This woman who has dedicated her life to the Master as a minister, has proven to be a power in the service of the Master. Her subject in the evening was “The Divine Call,” Isa-
CARNELLA JAMISON'S COLUMN

WE MUST BE CHRISTIAN

The above caption is the theme for youth week and youth meets. How appropriate is the theme and some may say—how difficult. Both affirmations are correct for the process of being a Christian is both appropriate and difficult. We cannot stop at the acknowledgment of the fact but must discover ways to make Christianity real and practical in the face of present difficulties. Jesus faced similar problems. He did not give up. Those of us who follow Him must continue to love our enemies, feed those who are hungry, and love God with our minds, our strength and our souls.

The study material described for you in the last issue of the Christian Plea is invaluable both for adults and young people in the realization of the above theme. Won't you allow your groups to be strengthened by study, worship and service?

This New Year marks the half year period in our missionary services. How far are you along on the half way mark? Many groups have far exceeded the goals of the same time last year and especially in their offering goals. This is encouraging. Our total Brotherhood is participating in the Emergency Million Campaign to meet emergencies caused by the present world situation as well as carry more effectively our regular work.

Several of our churches are participating in the Emergency Million as well as increasing their regular giving. Surely these are not the days to turn back but to strive toward the strengthening of fellowship of Christians around the world. The experiences which I share with Christian youth here, in the Chicago Theological Seminary, from many countries help me to see more fully that a world Christian community is both practical and possible.

Introducing Julia Flowers

In order that I may complete major requirements for a Master's Degree in Religious Education, I have been granted a leave of absence until June. From now until that time Miss Julia Flowers who is a graduate of Southern Christian Institute, now at Jarvis Christian College will carry major responsibilities for field work. Miss Flowers is majoring in Religious Education at Jarvis. She comes from a Christian home and a family whose background is steeped in the Disciple traditions. Elder L. L. Garrison one of the pioneer ministers now living at Fayette, Mississippi is her uncle.

Miss Flowers and I will work very closely in planning the work but she will actually make the field visits and serve you on the field. I am certain that you will welcome this very fine young person into your homes and churches. Young people have a special treat because she will work in youth meets.

Youth Week Observance is set for January 21-February 1, 1942. Surely your plans for its observance are well on the way. The theme—"We Must Be Christian."

Youth Meets are being held in the following states: Kentucky, Kansas, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Arkansas.

PRESIDENT'S FIRESIDE CHAT
R. Wesley Watson

My Dear Fellow-Workers:

God has blessed us with the privilege of coming into another year and it is now our duty to show a deep appreciation for all of His many blessings by a greater loyalty to the cause and by our having fellowship in every program that will exalt Him and His Dear Son in this war-torn world.

Today we hear much of Defense and what is expected of us as loyal Americans, as loyal Americans we will be expected to have full fellowship in every Defense project, buy Bonds, etc. And that we all must do. Jesus well said: "This ye ought to have done and not to have left the other undone." I am thinking now of what about our attitude towards "Our Spiritual Defense." Your humble servant has been unable to ever receive answers from some letters sent to some national officers, say nothing of some cooperation for the carrying out of the Great Work. Have you done your part? I am thinking now of what Lord Nelson told his men just before a great battle when the future of his country was hanging in the balances, "England expects every man to do his duty." And brethren, that is just what God is expecting of us as members of his church, we have gone from year to year to our conventions and made out the kind of a program that we wanted, and it is up now for us to support it. Therefore I as your humble servant, am calling upon each disciple to make a "Sacrificial Offering" for the work, let something go that is very essential to our own well-being and give that to our work. Will you not by the first Sunday in February, gather this gift in and mail it to our Treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker for the carrying on of our program. I am a firm believer in the Whole Program of the Brotherhood and will not at any time believe in supporting a part but the whole, put the money in the hands of our Treasurer and I can assure you that each project will be well supported. This is an Emergency Call, and fellow Preachers, Missionary Leaders, I am counting on you, will you as leaders do your part and I am sure that members will follow. We have really done our part talking, now we are called upon to back up our talk with "Greenback." Too often we will make splendid recommendations and select people to head up our programs and when they fail to put them over we criticise them for the failure to make good and we have failed for we have not supported them as they carry on. We like the old King want bricks but will not give them straws to make them. Let us answer this challenge by sending in some straws that the building may go up. How well I remember one expression made by our beloved leader, our late Dr. Preston Taylor (and I use the word Dr. advisedly) for he was a Doctor. He said that he would be willing to give the shirt off his back and die in the Old Soldier's Home to make the church work go forward. Such was the spirit of the early men, they gave and gave and yet were willing to give more. As your leader, and even before being made your leader, I have always supported the Whole Program and want you to know that even now I shall back it up. Yes an emergency exists in our church work and I have no one else but you to make this appeal to. Will you not honor the office by obeying this request? Know that I am depending upon you.

I want to make one observation that I observed at the Religious Education meeting in St. Louis in December, Brother Peoples and I represented our group. They were making plans for the selection of one to head up the Religious Educational Department taking the place of Mr. Swarengin. They said: He must be a democrat, not a dictator. He must love all men. He must be a man of experience. And then he must have a "Campbellite" background. I could not but help think of how careful they were in qualifying a man for the office. And brethren that is just the kind of qualifications we must look for in the personnel of our leadership and also let our White Brethren know that is what we shall expect from now on. Some of us have contended for this before. You ask me, why? I mention it in this chat? Because they were so essential.

This leaves us praying that you will answer this call for support of our work.
ECHOS OF THE SOUTH GEORGIA DISTRICT CONVENTION
By Alice Conaway, Reporter
422 W. Force St.
Valdosta, Georgia

Elder H. J. Johnson, pastor of the Pine Hill Christian Church, held the fourth quarter District Convention in his church November 29-30. The theme was “Helping one another understand Christian Life.” Devotional services were led by Elder James Godfrey. Elder F. C. Took of Thomasville, Ga., delivered an inspiring message Sunday morning. Officers of the convention are Elder H. J. Johnson, President; Elder John Jackson, Vice-President; Sister Viola Godfrey, Treasurer; Sister Bethine McKinnon, Secretary and Alice Conaway, leader of the Program Committee.

CROSS STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Rev. B. W. Bowles, Pastor
Mrs. Minnie Guydon, Reporter
2024 Dennison Street
Little Rock, Ark.

Greetings to the Brotherhood:

My friends as we move into another year let us forget the things behind and go forward to higher heights.

I take this means in answering some of the inquiries that quite a few people have asked me concerning this church. Is it a good church? How much do they pay? Well any church in our brotherhood is a good church if you can preach and not be afraid to preach the gospel. I remember in my first pastorate that I was complaining to Dr. J. N. Ervin, that matchless character who headed Jarvis College and led it out of the wilderness. He asked me how much is the church paying you. I told him and he said, “That is all you are worth.” Brethren as I grow older I realize that was true saying. The input equals the output. Let us put more in our churches and we will get more out of them.

During a thirty day drive in November, the following peoples pledged and paid on the last day of the drive. Rev. J. O. Bowles and Wife $7.50, Elder E. H. Johnson and wife $20.00, Elder L. B. Facen and wife $7.00, Elder Taylor Cole $5.00, Deacon I. W. Dean and wife $10.00, Deacon D. L. Cole and wife $10.00, Deacon Junique Mitchell and wife $10.00, Deacon W. R. Brown and wife $7.00, Deacon Claude Kennedy $7.00, Rev. C. B. Fisher $1.00, Sisters Dora Nicholson $25.00, Telia Matterson $2.00, Maud Livingston $5.00, Ada Reese 2.00, Mary Calloway 10c, Ceola Bember $4.50, Corn Moore $5.00, Marie Davis $3.00, Beatrice Webb $5.00, Minnie Cole $5.00, Lillie Moore $1.00, Loyal Wilson $1.00, Jessie Wilson $1.00, Carrie Krouf $5.00, Ollie Margrette Bowles 50c, C. D. Rainey $5.00, C. M. Matthie $3.00, Carrie Calley $4.00, Beulah Taylor $3.00, Willie Hooker Galley $16—CHRISTIAN PLEA SGH 57c, Pelmo Turner $7.35, Elizabeth Acklin $2.00, Minnie Guaydon $3.00, Willie B. Bailey $3.00, Fannie White 25c, Children $1.15, Brother Clarence Powell $2.00, Mr. Peter Coley $2.50, Sister Annie Leigt $5.00, Sarah Richardson $3.00; Total $191.05. Miscellaneous $49.00.

Every officer responded to the call. Men you can’t lead where you won’t go.

SPECIAL TO THE MINISTERS

Next month is time to launch your Evangelistic program, “Toward Calvary.” Each of you received from me last month a special packet of materials telling all about this program and containing seven sermons by some of the best preachers in the brotherhood. Watch the February issue of the Christian Plea for more information about the “Toward Calvary” program.

R. H. PEOPLES

EAST SIXTH STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH
R. L. Sercy, Pastor
O. D. Henry, Reporter
15 N. Lottie St., Oklahoma City

The East Sixth Street Christian Church is very grateful to its Pastor, Elders and Deacons for having led through 1941 with great success. We are happy to say that through twenty-one years of Christian Church History in Oklahoma City, 1941 was the greatest year the Church has seen. Every member is full of enthusiasm who looks back at the many things accomplished in 1941, and we are looking forward to a greater program in 1942.

The membership strength was tested, and we now realize that we can carry on without continuous financial support from other sources. Not since 1926 have we been able to carry on without aid. The goal we have tried to reach for fifteen years was attained in 1941. Our general offerings for the year came to more than $1300. All obligations are paid in full and $956.28 was raised and set aside for our new building program which we are hoping will get under way early this year. It is the aim of every member to go into our new church before the close of 1942. It has been proved that we can support a building program and we will.

Our membership is steadily growing, we had 34 additions in 1941 and one young woman joined the first Sunday in 1942. A new spiritual growth is seen. Our services are very fine and well attended. The Choir is doing a fine job, and making a great contribution to the service.

Each auxiliary has set a new record, the Christian Endeavor is doing fine work under the leadership of Mr. Garland Robinson. A new program has been set up for 1942. $13.54 was raised last year, their goal for 1942 is to double their finance, attendance and interest.

The Sunday School has had the largest attendance in history during the past year. Mrs. Leah Jones our most worthy Superintendent was able to raise $113.09. New plans are being perfected for the new year’s work.

$28.13 was raised for missions. We are hoping that these accomplishments will serve as an inspiration to help Christians realize that God is always with them in Kingdom building.

CLARK ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Greenville, Texas

Mrs. N. F. Fudgen, Reporter

The pastor and members are still on the firing line trying to persuade sinners to Christ. “Christmas Day” was observed with services conducted by the pastor. Visitors: Prof. and Mrs. C. E. Stewart, Jasper Texas; Mrs. Chas. Moseley and Mr. Robert Hurdle, Jarvis College.

During the months of November and December the following ministers spoke: Elders Dickerson, Henry, Pres. Washington and wife and Elder Gill. The whole membership and visitors were made to rejoice. We are looking forward to their return. We are proud to say we have ten subscribers to the Plea from our church, hoping to increase this number soon.

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A large and appreciative audience to the church. Dedication services were held from November 17, 1941 to November 23, 1941. Those who were responsible for making these services a success were: Rev. J. L. Phifer, L. W. Washington.

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The meeting was held at White Oak Chapel, Omaha, Texas, August 28-29-30, 1941. The local church presented the program and Brother Lawson prayed, recitation by Minnie Lyon, solo by James Turner, recitation by Odelia Walker, paper by Sheldon Lyons, recitation by Baby Ruth Walker, recitation by Censa Turner.

After this program, Elder T. B. Armstrong, pastor, gave a short program in honor of Sister Era Lawson, song and scripture by Elder T. B. Frost; Discussion subject: “What can we do to better our conditions as a race religiously”; business period; report of churches; offering and adjournment by Brother Mosley.

The meeting was convened by 3:00 o'clock, Sister Wallace, presiding. Praise service by Sister Gorton. Enrollment of members and Missions.

The meeting was adjourned.

OAK GROVE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Scott, Arkansas

On November 27, at 3:00 p.m., we rendered a short program in honor of Thanksgiving Day with Miss Mary Moore presiding. The program consisted of the following features:

Invocation by the pastor
Song “My Country Tis of Thee
Bible Reading (8th Psalm)

Miss Mary Armstrong Opening Address Miss Mary Moore There were several recitations by the little folks.

A Historical Sketch of the first
President of U.S.

Short Talk by Rev. Crumpton
A Sketch of the First Thanksgiving
Paper by Sister Betty Armstrong (Thanks Given)

Paper by Sister Pearl Armstrong (The Origin of Thanksgiving)
Short Talk by Rev. Crumpton

The Baptist Minister
Closing Remarks by Rev. E. H. Armstrong—pastor

These are very great people a few days ago they raised on their budget plan $60.00.

Elder Armstrong is a very interesting preacher. He is leading his people a very fine way. Miss Mary is a very fine leader; she likes to see the people come on time. They raised $3.00 for the Mexico Mission. This amount is to help them to enjoy the news of the world. They have taken up several subscriptions to the PLEA.
National Convention Goes to Kansas City

National Executive Committee Meet in Nashville

NATIONAL CONVENTION GOES TO KANSAS CITY
Disciple National Executives Meet In Nashville, Tenn.
Dean E. S. Ames, University of Chicago—Speaks

The executive members of the National Christian Missionary Convention met in their annual session, January 21-22, at Tennessee State College, Nashville, Tenn. (Left to right) Rev. S. S. Myers, Kansas City, Mo.; Dr. R. Wesley Watson, President of Convention, Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Julia Flowers, Indianapolis, Ind.; Rev. W. H. Taylor, Vice-President, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy, General Secretary, St. Louis, Mo.; Dr. W. P. Harmon, State Director, Nashville, Tenn.; President W. J. Hale, President of State College; Dean Edward Scribner Ames, Dean Emeritus, University of Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois, who addressed the chapel; Mrs. Zelma Watson-Duke, Los Angeles, Calif.; Dr. H. R. Peoples, National Secretary, Indianapolis, Ind.; Miss Carnella Jamison, National Secretary, Chicago, Ill.; Prof. Merl R. Epps, Editor of Christian Plea, Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. L. L. Dickerson, National Secretary, Covington, Ky. The Annual Convention will convene, August 17-23, at Kansas City, Mo.

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**FEBRUARY, 1942**

**THESE VACANT PULPITS**

**ELDER C. H. DICKERSON**

Lexington, Ky.

"That which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches"—2nd Cor. 11:28.

The list of 150 vacant pulpits shown in January *Christian Plea* is a challenge to the Brotherhood. It thrills us and chills us, wakes us and shakes us and sends us seeking the cause.

A handsome Brochure might be given one who could place his one finger upon the cause. Yes, it requires many fingers and thumbs and as captain said when they took Manila (the other time) "There's Glory enough for us all."

Some causes: Some "Big Little" idle preachers won't serve a church of "His Size." Some officers want to "Lose an over God's Heritage" and some churches want a "One Shot" Stingy to support any sort of a preacher. The other preachers, officers and churches might be dated "Indifferent."

I know the preacher may be "called" to the ministry, to sacrifice and endure, but his wife and family are not; and after over 40 years of continuous ministry (not a day unemployed) I have found the minister always willing to make any reasonable sacrifice, but why should not every officer and member join in this sacrificial service? Too many churches want the preacher to make all the sacrifices.

The Cure: Some time ago I wrote about the "none too well prepared preacher. The preacher not versed in "ologies," "Torys," "Fys" and nations and other notorious terminologies. A man and the masses and not the classes (I admire all possible and usable education, but that is not a cure for the case). We need preachers who can and will take the "circuit" of the little and off the main line churches which live some of the best people on earth. Churches where the "Rev. Dr. L. L. D., P. H. B. and 40 other" are not, are not; and after over 40 years of continuous ministry, to make any reasonable sacrifice, but why should not every officer and member join in this sacrificial service? Too many churches want the preacher to make all the sacrifices.

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THE CHAPLAIN’S CORNER

By Chaplain J. M. Cowan

Hdqrs. 4th Qm. Tng. Reg’t.

Ft. Francis E. Warren, Wyoming

Your contributing editor’s silence is not to be taken as evidence of any lack of interest in the activities of the brotherhood. The Christian Plea takes precedence over all other periodicals on the day of its arrival. From every standpoint it is one of the best appearing and best edited church organs in Negro Protestantism.

The most frequent question asked by civilians is: “What does a Chaplain do?” Here is a brief and incomplete resume. Dr. Lampe writes in a News Bulletin for chaplain’s, “The Chaplain is one man in a thousand.” He is literally one man of a thousand, since there is one chaplain for every thousand men in the service. It is my honest conviction that there is no other man in the thousand who means more to the thousand men than does the chaplain. His is the great responsibility of spiritual ministry. Physicians are of tremendous value to save life and to preserve it, but the chaplain deals both with the life that now is and that which is to come.” His many and varied duties includes the organization and supervision of religious and week day programs; visiting the sick and the prisoners; counseling the spiritually perplexed and strengthening those able to walk alone; investigating investigations of welfare cases through the Red Cross; visiting local churches and recreational agencies in the community, and becoming acquainted with the men in his unit and with their problems in order that he may be as a servant and brother to them. In short, all of the problems of an alert and conscientious local pastor are his except the raising of money.

One of the most interesting things observed here is the carry-over of cultural and religious backgrounds from civilian to military life. The personal appearance and the attitude of the individual toward authority, discipline, and duty indicate the kind of home and community the individual toward authority, discipline, and duty indicate the kind of personal appearance and the attitude of the individual toward authority, discipline, and duty indicate the kind of personal appearance and the attitude of the individual toward authority, discipline, and duty indicate the kind of personal appearance and the attitude of the individual toward authority, discipline, and duty indicate the kind of

sent universal instability of social and economic agencies. There are numerous economic questions to be asked and answered by the sponsors of the movement before doubting Thomases like myself can see either the need for, or a continuous future for such an institution. Within our official family there are men and women whose long contacts with the administrative problems of educational institutions should make them invaluable counselors in a venture of this kind. Like an automobile, or a home, it isn’t the initial cost that makes or breaks, it’s the upkeep. C. H. Dickerson, who has watched the survival of the fittest among educational institutions for many years, offers some wholesome advice that ought not to be overlooked in the December issue of the Plea.

The foregoing paragraph was penned prior to the arrival of the January, 1942 issue. The answer to “What is It All About” may be found in the second column on the front page of this issue. $21,000.00 in endowments, $11,000.00 at Jarvis College and $100,000.00 at United Society Headquaters compared with $5,264.35 raised by us for all causes cooperating in Unified Promotion is profoundly interesting. $8,500.00 added to these funds and the proceeds from the same invested in young men and women at Jarvis, Drake, Butler, Gammon, and

The University of Chicago would provide some leadership for the 152 vacant churches. These leaders with the aid of a cooperating, contributing laity would be able to assist and consume the organizing and continuation of another college, if and when such is necessary. We ought to take a very careful look before we leap.

The pastors of local churches who have members of their church families in Army camps would render a valuable service to the Chaplains by ascertaining the young man’s regiment and company and requesting the chaplain at his post to contact the man. A postal addressed in this manner will be sufficient: The Chaplain, Hdqrs. 4th Qm. Tng. Reg’t., Ft. Francis E. Warren, Wyoming. A number of letters and requests have come to me about young men at this post. Thus far none have come from Negro pastors. The soldier’s family will be glad to give such information to their pastor and they will doubtless express their appreciation by greater loyalty to the church.

Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy, 3412 Franklin St., St. Louis, Mo., suffered a severe injury of the back and a sprained ankle, due to a fall, Friday night, February 6.

BENEFIT RECITAL OF ROSA PAGE WELCH IS HIGHLIGHT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF SOUTH SIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Chicago, Ill. In the recent report of South Side Christian Church for the year of 1941, R. E. LaTouch, pastor, signaled the benefit concert rendered by Rosa Page Welch on Mother’s Day in the Auditorium Recital Hall of Chicago, as the high point of the year’s activities. The effort realized $300 for the church’s building fund.

Madam Welch is a personal student of Fred B. Wise and is widely known throughout the Disciple Brotherhood for her rare mezzo-soprano voice. The concert was acclaimed by the leading critics of the Chicago newspapers.

Rosa Welch performed before a packed hall which was very appreciative of her masterly execution. The event was, indeed, significant because Madame Welch and her assisting artists rendered the entire concert gratis. It resulted in the largest financial effort put forth by the little congregation for the building of a new edifice.

The assistance of the many friends of Madame Welch in all the Christian Churches of Chicago, Detroit and Indianapolis played a large part in the success of the endeavor.

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—1 John, 1-7

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THE NEW FRONTIER
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1156 E. 57th St., Disciples' Divinity House, Chicago, Ill.

Who will write next month? Send your articles to Rev. Fox.

The following article was submitted to us for publication in THE NEW FRONTIER COLUMN, by REV. R. L. Jordan, pastor of the First Christian Church, Detroit, Michigan. Mr. Jordan is one of our most promising young ministers and leaders who have in only a few years built our Detroit church from the ground up.

CONSIDERING OUR PRESENT TASK

BY R. L. JORDAN, DETROIT, MICH.

In order to understand, convey and interpret the will of God in our world, men of old culled a code of rules, utterances and statements from His Book to which we subject all of our thinking past and present. Sometimes our codes are unwritten yet in our own mind we hold sacred all of the utterances spoken or written by the Father. Anything which appears to improve the conception given by them cannot be accepted even if it is for the best. It does not belong in our church. It is contrary to the pattern of Apostolic tradition. We must not do this or that. Are we sure our Fathers intended we should follow this fixed pattern always, even if our times demand a change?

The Church being the embodiment of the code whether outmoded or not must address itself to the task at hand, ever mindful of its creed being Christ, timeless and changeless, suitable for all people in every age. Certainly people's conception of Him change as they grapple with the grim problems of reality, still He doesn't.

The Church is not a static institution belonging to any particular age instead it is a loving organism, adjusting itself to the need of all times. It ought to be the brightest light in our world, directing the lives of men. If it fails and allows others to shine brighter it looses it prestige, and as a guide, thus becoming mediocre as other secular organizations.

Man is a social being and must be saved as such. To deal with one part of him and fail to deal with his total being is missing the purpose for which the church exists. If he is to be saved at all, he must be as a total being, his social, spiritual, intellectual and emotional selves, all must be bathed in the warm stream of spiritual nurture. To call one part of him without the others is surely failure. To call him from one way of acting, participating and sharing into the church is to call man to a task to which all of himself must find contentment and loyalties.

Too long the Church has allowed the Devil the privileges of running nine-tenths of the affairs in our world. This should not be, if this is God's world! Since the profession Christian must live in it. When will the church adjust itself to the task of spiritualizing the total realm of Human need and aspiration? How much longer will the church resign itself to let the Devil have this world and it the one in the skies? The time has come for the followers of Christ to pull the Kingdom of Heaven down from the skies and make it real here and now. Christ prayed, "Thy Kingdom come in earth as it is in Heaven." This is the task of the church as well as to prepare our souls for the hereafter. To satisfy the total man in quest for the abundant life here and now.

The Gospel then ought to set forth the expressed desires, hopes, warnings, future joys and total purpose of God's plan for man now and hereafter. It must set aright the capitalist, the laborer, the rich and the poor, the black and white, all. It must tell the truth. Just to say the Death, the Burial and the Resurrection of our Lord is the gospel, is not enough, certainly there could be no Gospel without this solid foundation, we all agree but the Gospel is an inclusive Doctrine. It includes this and more. Certainly it includes all of the infallible truths, utterances, warnings and all else God would have the church to do or say. It must reach backward to the Death, Burial and Resurrection and forward into the here and now, further into the future. Its message must change the lives of men, their world and most certainly save their souls. Since man is a unit in society. The task of the Gospel is to change his thinking and construct the right pattern for the Social order. It ought to interpret to nations, God's will, warn people of dangers ahead, correct all injustices and eliminate evil practices wherever found, tell people what not to do and also create something wholesome for them to do—certainly this was the purpose of the Early Church—Dare we say it was not?

Has the church, our church, a message penetrating enough to do this? Does it point the way and demonstrate to the world through its unity, precepts, principles and devotion to causes its worthwhileness? Does it re-emphasize its worth by losing itself in the total struggle of all Human aspirations?

Too often we hear of the organization of the Early Church, seldom do we hear of the Spirit of the church.
Let us exemplify the Spirit of Apostolic times instead of magnifying its organization. To re-create this Spirit of love, understanding, forbearance, and tolerance is the task before the Church today.

The following article was submitted by W. O. Gill. Mr. Gill is one of our most promising scholars and inspirers. Prof. Gill's article constitutes a digest of the insight he received from reading the article compiled by the Home and State Missions Planning Council of the Disciples of Christ called, "The Affirmation of Christian Faith for War Days." Mr. Gill submits his evaluation.

CHRISTIAN THINKING IN WAR DAYS
By W. O. Gill
Head of the Bible Chair
Jarvis College, Texas

There exists today an "international fellowship of believers", men and women, who elect to follow Jesus regardless to the price which this course might entail. Further, this fellowship overlaps and subsumes all natural and psychological barriers, viz., race, war, and pseudo-patriotism.

I almost succumb to the venom of despair, when I attempt to imagine the fate of this world-wide fellowship within the borders of the totalitarian states. However, this apprehension of mine is more than skin-deep, because I have a sneaking feeling that my own sense of security and complacency is due to my own rationalizing of the Christian ethics. The more I think about it the more I am convinced that Jesus meant what He said in the Sermon on the Mount.

The present world crisis calls for a redoubling of our efforts; a recommitment of ourselves to the ways which we so glibly profess. The great need today, is not for more theologians, but on the contrary we need, as never before, people who are willing to "live for the democratic ideal, rather than to die for it."

Christian people must realize that God is not the author of wars. They are the direct product of sinful living on the part of humanity. And if we are to ever have a lasting peace we must not only pray for it, we must work for it.

To my many well-wishers, brethren and fellow-workers in kingdom building throughout the land, I urge you more than ever to rally to the banner of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Remember Pearl Harbor, but do not forget God."

THAT THEY ALL MAY BE ONE:
THAT THE WORLD MIGHT BELIEVE.
—John 17:21

By James K. Dickerson
Bluefield, W. Va.

Many are the people who desire to see the world believe. Few are they who desire, "That they all may be one." Those who desire to convince and convert the world, have been slow to follow divine instructions in order to accomplish their task. The believers in Christ who have grown sick of division, are still not willing to unite upon the simple New Testament plan. The prayer uttered above was on a very solemn occasion, when Christ lifted up his eyes to Heaven and said, "Father the hour is come." This is really the Lord's prayer.

The union of all believers in Christ is both essential and desirable. Desirable because, "In union there is strength," and essential, "That the world might believe." The apostle enjoined the Master in the severest condemnation of divisions among Christian folk. Paul says, "For where there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal and walk as men? For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos, are ye not carnal?"

He not only condemns divisions but declares that Christian folk have no right to follow men and wear human names. That all believers in Christ should be united so as to constitute but one body, one communion, one church, is a proposition clearly set forth in the scriptures. For whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal and walk as men? For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos, are ye not carnal?"

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KIND EDITOR OF THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

My attention has been called to an article appearing in the 'Plea for December, 1941, which in part discussed the Goldsboro Christian Institute, Goldsboro, N.C. As I was the President of that Institution from 1922 to 1926, I wish to say that it was closed because of financial conditions rather than because of not meeting the educational requirements of the State Board of Education.

The school was established in 1904 by the Colored Disciples of Eastern North Carolina and was granted a charter by the State in 1924 to teach the following courses: preparatory, industrial, collegiate and theological.

It was the policy of the Board of Trustees to see to it that all teachers employed in the school held State certificates so that there would not be any questions concerning the grade of work done. The textbooks and courses required by the Board of Education were adopted and followed. While I was there representatives from the State Board of Education visited the Institute, examined the credentials of the teachers and endorsed the grade of work which was being done.

During my administration the Institute received its charter from the State (1924) and it seems reasonable to conclude that the State Board of Education would not refuse to accept the grade of work done in any institution of learning to which it had granted a charter unless it failed to meet the requirements of said charter. This was not the case of the Goldsboro Christian Institute.

During the time that I was there another building was purchased and moved on the campus and the old building repaired. Four acres of land were cleared up for gardening purposes, seven hundred yards of ditching were done and other improvements made on the place.

The future of the Institute was most encouraging until the financial conditions made it impossible to go forward with the work.

Yours sincerely,

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COLLEGE ACTIVITIES

MT. BEULAH COLLEGE CLUB
(S. C. I.)
Chicago, Ill.
Feb. 4, 1942

At our January meeting plans were completed for our "Popularity Contest" which was held Saturday, Jan. 24 and was a very successful affair.

On New Year's day a very dear friend of our club was buried. This good friend was Mrs. Marietta Jordan, a member of Kentucky State College Club. She and her husband were loyal supporters of our club in all of its activities. Mt. Beulah College Club was well represented at the funeral. A beautiful floral offering was given and the choral group sang.

Sunday, February 1, in spite of snow, ice and chilly breezes, twenty members and friends were present at our club meeting. After the usual business period a very interesting letter from Mrs. J. B. Lehman was read. We were so happy to have the news from the campus and from our president, his family and the other former teachers who now reside in Jackson, Miss. After the letter was read, Mr. Pressley Burroughs, one of the older graduates of S. C. I. offered prayer for the complete and speedy recovery of President Lehman.

The program committee in keeping with the topic of the week which is "Negro History Week," secured for us a very talented speaker who brought a fine message. Mr. William K. Fox, whom we all know, was chosen as our speaker. For his subject he used "Negro Disciples", which was treated in a splendid way.

It is surprising how little we know about ourselves and I am sure we are very grateful to Mr. Fox for bringing us this information about our Negro Disciples.

Several of our good members who do not come to club meetings very often, were present. Mr. Young S. Lewis, Mr. Pressley Burroughs and Mr. James Jenkins. Among our visitors were Mrs. Bessie Lewis, wife of Mr. Y. S. Lewis, Mrs. Fannie Clark, and the two sons of Mr. Pressley Burroughs. One of the young men is taking a pre-dental course at Y. M. C. A. College. The other one has served three years in the Navy and is now engaged in Civil Service Work.

Miss Tinnie Welch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Welch and Pianist for our choral group, graduated from Gammon School January 29, with honorable mention in several capacities. She is now enrolled in Lucy Flowers High School for girls.

Attorney N. S. Taylor and Mr. Eugene Lewis are on the sick list.

-Mrs. Lesly Clark, Reporter

JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
Hawkins, Texas
"AROUND THE CAMPUS"

By Venita O. Carney

The Music Department under the direction of Mrs. O. S. Barker presented a "Century of Progress in Music" for the benefit of the Athletic Committee on Friday, January 30. The rendition was colorful and entertaining. The Athletic Committee is working hard to pay for the band suits and equipment which were purchased to improve this organization. The project was launched and assumed by the Athletic Committee at the beginning of the school year. Whenever a large aggregation of people are on the campus it is not uncommon to see the Athletic Committee Stand at which confections, soda water, and sandwiches may be purchased.

The Triple C. Club presented "Miss Smarty" in the Mary E. Ervin Chapel on Wednesday, February 4. The performance was quite entertaining starring Miss Charleye Mae Sanders and Mr. Aubrey Lewis. Miss A. L. Hilliard, sponsor of the club, was director.

The Women's Missionary Society has been making progressive strides this year. Each meeting is largely attended, and the interest is pronounced. Many of the community people are swelling the number. Slowly but surely according to the financial reports given at the last meeting, the Society is moving toward the financial goal accepted at the beginning of the year.

Mr. E. J. Dickson was called home to attend the funeral services of a relative on Sunday, February 1.

Plans are under consideration for the promotion of a Religious Emphasis Week sometime in March. Indications point toward a varied, valuable, and inspiration program.

The Alpha Honor Society is making preparations for the election of new members into the Society based upon the quality of the last semester's grades. The Society is sponsoring a Pre-Valentine Social on February 7 in order that funds may be raised to finance some of the future activities.

The second semester's work has started with a "BANG". Sadly, have we acknowledged the subtractions, and gladly have we greeted the additions. Many new-comers and former Jarvisites have registered.

The NFA held its annual evening program in the Mary E. Ervin Chapel on Saturday, February 31. The Karnack and Garland NFA Sweethearts won the trip to North Carolina with all expenses paid.

President P. C. Washington is giving instruction in Church History to some of the ministerial students.

Mr. Ivey Rutherford, one of the outstanding members of the Jarvis College Church, lost his father, Robert Ennis (Cozier) Rutherford on January 22.

Mr. Robert Rutherford, 75, was a well known Mt. Vernon citizen as far back as most of the county's citizens can remember. He was born October 16, 1866. He was brought to Mt. Vernon as a tiny Negro boy by Mrs. Robert ("Miss Mary") Holbrook, who picked him up somewhere across White Oak and brought him to town on her horseback, as he was full of telling.

Mr. Rutherford married Cubbie Stephens on December 24, 1885. She died in 1925. One child, Alford, died in infancy. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Mack Gamble of Mt. Vernon and Mrs. Willie Wakefield of Linden, one son, Ivey Rutherford, of Hawkins; an adopted daughter, Inez and two adopted sons, Sam and Jim Atkins; twenty-one grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Mr. Rutherford was a member of the Mt. Vernon Christian Church. President P. C. Washington gave the eulogy and was assisted by Elders Rogers, Frost, and Gill.

MRS. ZELMA WATSON-DUKE
THRILLS 1500 NASHVILLE

The Tennessee State College Auditorium was filled and overflowed, January 23, when Mrs. Duke gave a recital. Her rich Mezzo-Soprano voice proved to be better than ever. The National critics were lavish in their praise for her selections and renditions.

National Evangelist R. L. Peters of Winston-Salem, N.C., will deliver the Eulogy Easter Sunday morning, at 5:30, at the Monument of the Late Preston Taylor. Why not spend Easter in Nashville. A revival for two weeks will start at Lea Avenue Church following this meeting.

Mrs. Cleo Blackburn, the wife of the Director of Flanner House, Indianapolis, Ind., is convalescing at Provident Hospital, Chicago, Illinois, after an operation.
ACTIVITIES OF THE BROTHERHOOD

MISSISSIPPI BOULEVARD

CHURCH

January 13, 1942

The Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church School of Memphis, Tennessee is pleased to furnish you with a picture of the six classes as they appeared on the first Sunday in December, 1941. This was the climax of a friendly contest among the six classes.

The plan was simple, yet very effective. Six Sundays were selected, beginning October 19th. These dates were placed on a slip of paper and each teacher drew his Sunday. It so happened, and fortunately so, that Mr. J. A. Swayze, teacher of Class No. 4, drew October 19th and had to fire the first gun. Even though his class had only two weeks notice, it was determined to set a high mark for the five classes to follow. Class No. 4, is composed of men only, yet, these men gathered enough women and children to make a total of eighty-three present. Among those present were eighteen visitors and five new members. Contribution for the school hour amounted to $25.29.

On November 9th, Class No. 5, taught by Prof. I. A. Gentry held sway. This class is composed of a group from nine to twelve. Even though it rained, there were thirty-seven present including six visitors. Contribution for the school hour amounted to $7.18.

On December 7th, the school was given to Class No. 1. This class is composed of ladies only, range in age from twenty-one to “who-so-ever-will.” This group of fine women are taught by Dr. J. E. Walker. It scored more points than any of its competitors, beating the high record set by the men’s class by eleven points. “Hats off” to Dr. Walker and those faithful women. There were ninety present including ten visitors and eight new members. Contribution for the school hour amounted to $25.95.

The picture above was taken on this date on the church lawn immediately after school hour. It speaks for itself.

We think this plan would prove profitable to many schools. During these six Sundays, we added twenty-four new members and interested many visitors and put into the school treasury $82.81.

Brother M. W. Bonner is the faithful, ever-ready Superintendent and Elder B. T. Hunt is the much loved pastor.

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CHRISTIAN PLEA
THE CAUSE AND CURE FOR DISCIPLES

By Elder Thomas E. Brooks
Mt. Beulah College, Edwards, Miss.

Brethren and Fellow Travelers:

As a young Evangelist of our Brotherhood and perhaps the youngest one, nothing grieves me more than to view with anxious eyes the dreadful condition of our church.

We are forced to wonder whether or not we are still going forward or whether dying or just static.

One thing is definite. Whenever we can look and find 152 vacant pulpits and know that the only reason we don't see more is because strict record is not kept, there is something wrong.

Another cause for concern is that we have but few young ministers coming forth to harness themselves to the Church as pastors and to other phases of Christian leadership.

There is also very little news of new Churches or work. Is there no room for more churches? Yes, I should say. Where? Why, in the State of West Virginia we can speak of only one Negro Church of Christ, or Disciples Church if you would rather that name, when there should be at least one in every two coal camps. It can be done and there are people enough who will support it, both white and colored. Several years ago, if I may digress somewhat, while traveling with a young white evangelist, people of Northern West Virginia asked for a church. Not only there but other places are as badly in need of workers.

In my travels and work during the summer of 1941, I found churches without pastors that could not finance the need. There should be some way of meeting these demands. Others can witness to the fact, one of whom, if you will pardon the personation, is our hard-working Bible School President of National Work. I met him while on the road and was greatly benefited by the association.

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Friends, this condition can be helped. There are only a few reasons for it and they can be corrected. Namely, organization—a good organization. For example, the brotherhood is too large a field to be cared for by just one National Secretary. Under him there should come some type of state work.

Secondly, we do not make our work of the church interesting and attractive enough to get the desires of the young turned toward the ministry. This is not only financially even though that factor should be built up.

And thirdly, so many young workers who are coming out of the school career try to bring a mature program to an immature people and cram it down their throats, and—well, it just doesn't work that easily. We have to remember the fact that our people must be brought up to that point by feeding the new diet a little with the old.

A great many more of our pulpits are vacant with preachers in them. I mean by that, three and four churches to one pastor. They don't pastor; they don't feed the sheep. They don't have time. They only preach and are, in many cases, not fed themselves.

After traveling 5,185 miles and contacting 4,000 people, after working day and night and adding to the church by baptism, reclamation and letter twenty-eight members, I feel that I have done something and hope that I have. However, I am not through. I shall spend my winters in school but as long as those people we serve realize the need of such work and act accordingly I shall continue to spend my summers in the Evangelistic service of my God and my folk.

As President of the Jackson District here in Mississippi we are proud and grateful to have in the city of Jackson, Brother D. W. Heath and his wife who we feel will prove assets in and to the work of the city. This district is showing great improvement, ambition and willingness as well as ability. The state will do that, the nation will do that, if we get the workers.

I challenge you, Brethren, that unless we change our pace and methods, we'll miss the mark and lose the game.

May these words of originality prove of some benefit.

NATIONAL EVANGELIST ITINERARY

Memorial Address at Tomb of Preston Taylor, First President of National Convention, Nashville, Tenn., Easter Sunday Morning, April 5th, followed by two-weeks revival at Lea Avenue Christian Church, then to Gay Street Christian Church both of same city, Nashville, Tenn.

I am wanted in Virginia, Mississippi, and other places, but dates have not been confirmed. I have on my staff a number of able Evangelists who are ready at any time to go far or near to hold revivals. Anyone who may desire our services, let me know by letter, telegram or dial 7863.
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Let's get 100 before Easter.

Incomplete Financial Statement of National Christian Missionary Convention, August, 1941.

Total amount collected $1,641.51
Mrs. Rosn 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.

FROM THE BANKS OF OLE KENTUCKY

By C. H. DICKERSON
340 Ohio St.
Lexington, Ky.

Elder H. D. Griffin resigned from office as State Evangelist. He is taking the charge which was left vacant through the death of Brother E. H. Allen, in Louisville, Ky.

Elder I. H. Moore was unanimously elected State Evangelist, serving the contract held by Elder Griffin.

Miss O. B. Lewis, a city school teacher and Brother A. G. Stone, Manager of Mammoth Insurance Co., have succeeded in getting a Christian Youth Fellowship Movement started.

The Lexington Christian Church now has a new roof which was put there by the men.

Louisville now has three preachers in the Christian Churches.

Mt. Sterling's work is progressing under the guidance of J. E. Blair and Prof. Bean.

Rev. R. L. Saunders is moving into a recently purchased parsonage in Danville, Ky.

Young George Frazier is carrying on the work in Stepstone and Fairview.

THE UNITED CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ADVANCE

"Reach Every Person with Christian Teaching" By R. H. Peoples, National Secretary

The purpose of the United Christian Education Advance is to "Reach Every Person with Christian Teaching." This purpose is in full harmony with the goal Jesus set for his church many centuries ago when he said, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations."

A glance at the information below, which is a partial picture of the present situation in America, should convince any Christian that such a movement as the United Christian Education Advance is much needed.

130 million Americans in the United States.
60 million unchurched in the United States.
33 million adults unchurched in the United States.
17 million children unchurched in the United States.
10 million young people unchurched in the United States.
15 billion dollars spent on crime each year.
5 billion dollars spent in gambling.
4½ billion dollars spent for liquor in 1941.
1 home in 4 touched by crime each year.
1 divorce for every 6 marriages.

To bring the matter a little closer home, I would suggest that you review the article in the January issue of THE CHRISTIAN PLEA, page five, we reported that only 18 churches had enrolled from 11 states.

Brother Pastor, you are the "Advance" in your church. You have the keys of the kingdom. Speak to the members that they may advance.

CLAY ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH
H. Earl Jackson, Pastor
612N 13th St., Paducah, Ky.

The Educational Committee is doing a very fine job. They have established a reading room and recreation room. They purchased three reading tables, charging desk, bookcase, 1 ping-pong table, two benches for this project all paid for. Late magazines, Negro papers, a good collection of books, a fine collection of war maps, are found in reading room. Ping-pong, ring toss checkers, etc., are found in recreation room. They have also promoted two study groups.

SUBSCRIBE TO THE CHRISTIAN PLEA
NORTH CAROLINA HERE AND THERE
By Elder John D. Henry, Dis. Sec.
121 Front Street,
Clayton, N.C.

It was the pleasure of the writer to visit Elder W. L. Williams, the Secretary of the Western Assembly of the Disciples of Christ, who pastors the old historic church of Bentonville. Since they have called this young man, they have remodeled the building in the last three years and increased the membership. A new spirit prevails throughout the church. Elder Williams is doing a creditable work in Piney Green where he has been for the last two years. There he has awakened the people and the church has been repaired and an annex with a large choir room built.

In the Goldsboro and Raleigh Assembly, we have another Elder C. E. Williams who is young in the service as he has been preaching about five years. He is now pastoring at Alum Spring, Down, N.C. in the four months that he has pastored this charge he has put in a piano and finished ceiling the house.

Out from Fort Bragg, I found that the people had almost completed their church, putting in pews of the choir stand and changed the heating system. A rally is in constant progress at this time of the year, in order to make the repairs that are needed. I am home now. The principal of the school and his staff worshipped with us last Sunday. They brought as their guests some teachers who work elsewhere. Many people were present at the Bible School.

NEWS OF THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Rev. P. K. Alexander, Minister
Mrs. Eva Esther Byers, Reporter
Concord, N.C.

The Brotherhood Dinner was observed at the First Christian Church, January 21st. The following people appeared on the program: Pastor, Mr. P. K. Alexander, Mrs. Risby, Alice Alexander, V. B. Byers, Jr., Louise Wallace, Viola P. Wagoner.

During the dinner several visitors and members of the church gave short talks. Representatives were present from the following churches: Church of Baptist, Primitive Baptist, Missionary Baptist. Each person present enjoyed an old time fellowship. After the dinner the benediction was said by Rev. C. M. Risby, Primitive Baptist Church. The Mistress of Ceremonies was E. E. Byers.

The Stewardess Club No. 1 was entertained the month of January by Mrs. Mary Douglas and Mrs. E. Esther Byers. The first Monday night Mrs. Douglas had the club at her home. The second Monday night a program was rendered at the church by Rev. Risby and his people. The third Monday night the Volunteers Chorus rendered a program at the church. The last Monday night Mrs. E. E. Byers had the club at her home.

The total finance raised for the month was $15.00. This was reported to the church.

NOTES FROM THE OLD ASPARAGUS BED
A. D. Gault, Reporter
Mayslick, Kentucky

As 1942 goes marching on so goes the Mayslick Church. The first Sunday in the day in the year was a very bad winter day with a very deep snow and slick roads. Our Pastor, Rev. E. B. Toles, brought a message of New Year's greetings. We have many attendants on the day our Pastor preaches. We are able to raise our Pastor's salary, and keep up our other expenses.

On Sunday afternoon, January 18th the Pastor met with the official board, and planned a program for the church. All the preachers in Paris, white and colored, plan a crusade of sermons to preach from February 1st, through Easter, April 5th. Rev. Toles is preaching from the same subjects. On January 10th and 11th I visited friends in Covington, and attended the Bible School there. On January 16th I attended the winter state board meeting in Lexington.

Our Bible School is still progressing; we hope to do more when the Spring comes.

Rev. L. L. Dickerson, our state president, plans a conference on March 29th, for all church officers from the state. The conference is to be held at the East Second Church in Lexington. I hope all the officers will try to attend. It will mean much to the churches and the state program.

TRI-STATE ECHOES
CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Mt. Pleasant, North Carolina
Elder B. A. DOUGLASS

At a Brotherhood Dinner, January 21, the following speeches were made by the following people: "We have Faith" by Mrs. M. W. Hellig; "A Church" by Mrs. Ara Cook; "A Brotherhood" by Mrs. B. A. Douglass, "A Kingdom" by Miss Marie Ellis. Greetings came from the First Christian Church, Concord, N.C.; Rev. P. K. Alexander, Lutheran Church.

ECHOES OF MID-WAY CHURCH OF CHRIST
Rev. E. Patterson, Pastor
Mattie L. Paxton, Reporter
Tazewell, Virginia

The preceding year has been a successful year for our church. The membership has been built up to one hundred and fifty and many improvements on the church. One thousand dollars was raised last year. The aim of the church is to do a bigger work for the year of 1942.

EAST SIXTH ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Bro. O. D. Henry, Reporter
Rev. Serey, Pastor
515 N. Lottie St., Oklahoma City, Okla.

Feb. 1, 1942

The East Sixth Street Church has entered into another year's work with determination to follow the pace set last year. At the end of the first month of 1942, we find every department has made an excellent start.

Church services have been very inspiring. At the beginning of the year the order of services was changed and the Communion Hour now precedes the sermon. This feature has made our services more attractive, and the audience has been larger and more prompt. We seem to get more out of our services, leaving a finer spiritual feeling at the close of the service.

Eight new members have been added to the church for January. This makes every member rejoice. We are hoping to gain at least five new members each month.

With the war on hand we feel that the church and its services will play a great part in keeping democracy a Christian one. We are happy to say that we have a large number of young men active in our church. They have launched a definite program for the year of 1942. We are praying for them and giving them all the Christian and moral support we can, because they are to be the future church. They are doing a fine work. We must have more laymen; and it's up to the church to produce them.
Our Christian Endeavorers are doing a fine work. Our young people are planning some very interesting meetings for the year. They have plans made for Christian Endeavor Week which begins February 1. We know that when this series of programs is over our young people will be wonderfully helped.

This Sunday School has had a very fine attendance during the month, with an average attendance of about 65. We are hoping to get 100 by the end of the year.

Last Sunday the church dedicated its services to the Woman's Council. This organization has been the one that keeps the services going. They are doing a fine work and are the foundation of the church program.

The are more than determined to build a church, and we will build a church through their help.

The resignation has been accepted due to failing health. The vacancy will be filled by Thelma E. Loggins, who has been serving as assistant secretary. Mrs. Annie Loggins, Treasurer Miss Lois V. Rucker who has served as secretary of the First Christian Church has extended her resignation to the pastor, officers and members.

The resignation has been accepted with deep regrets.

Miss Rucker has served well for the past 15 or 20 years. She resigns due to failing health. The vacancy will be filled by Thelma E. Loggins, who has been serving as assistant secretary. Miss R. L. Peters, at his best.

New officers were nominated for various auxiliaries of the church.

Miss Lois V. Rucker who has served as secretary of the First Christian Church has accepted the assistant secretary position.

The pastor and his officials are making preparations for the Tri-State Convention that will convene August 5, 1942.

The officers are to retain their same positions for the Missionary Society. They are as follows:

Mr. R. L. Jordan, Pastor Mrs. Grace Griffith, Secretary Mrs. Thelma Loggins, Treasurer Mrs. A. I. Davis, 322 Patton Ave., N.E. Financially it was a success and all enjoyed the stunts, games and refreshments.

The “Brotherhood Dinner” was held January 21st, at the auditorium of the William A. Hutton Branch, Y.M. C.A. The tables were arranged in the form of the letter “F” and beautifully decorated with candles and flowers. Rev. James R. Johnson, Jr., pastor in the city, and teacher of Bible in our High School was the guest speaker. Preceding his address was the developing of the topics: “We Have a Faith”, “We Have a Church”, and “We Have a Brotherhood”, and “We Have a Kingdom”, by four high school girls who are members of Ninth Avenue.

January the 23rd, our Church Flower Club closed its contest under the direction of the president, Mrs. E. B. Penn. The women were dressed to represent different flowers. We realized the sum of $55.00.

Each occasion was well-attended by members and friends. Each time suitable music was furnished by the Church Choir with Mrs. Christine Butler as pianist.

The resurrection has been accepted in the best spirit most perhaps, and I am sure the cooperative spirit will result into a fine year's work.

Just now we are getting ready for Spring Revival at which time we will be graced with the privilege of hearing our National Evangelist, Rev. R. L. Peters, at his best.

The congregation was glad to have at the worship service on the first Sunday in February, Miss Geneva P. James, who has been on the sick list for several months. She has our prayers and we hope for her a complete recovery.

United Christian Church
5631 30th Street
Detroit, Mich.

R. L. Jordan, Pastor
T. K. Rouse, Reporter

Feb., 1942, finds us preparing to celebrate our Fifth Anniversary. Many of our neighborhood churches are participating, but our most important news item is, we now have a married pastor! Rev. R. L. Jordan and Miss Mazie Norman of Remus, Mich., were quietly married late in 1941 and on Jan. 30, 1942, the church gave him a royal reception. Friends from far and near were present, eleven churches were represented, presents galore, including cash and checks. Both bride and groom are as happy as spring lambs. The church is going along fine. Bro. Frank McCree of St. Louis, is working with us during his visit here. He is a fine worker. Pray for us and visit us when in Detroit.
ROSS STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Montgomery, Ala.

Mrs. J. M. Brown, Reporter

ROSS Street Christian Church under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. G. F. Lewis, is going forward. He is a progressive young minister, who loves the church and the work of Christ. He is a fine leader in church work and the members will go on to success if they will follow his lead.

He is a supporter of the National Conventions and has all Departments of the church organized and working. The Women's Missionary Society under the leadership of Mrs. A. P. Brayboy is doing nicely. The Lord's Day School, with Mrs. Fannie Nix as the superintendent, is one of the best wide-awake schools in training the children and young people in the way they should go.

Ross Street Christian Church has two clubs with efficient leaders, who help in financing the church. They report monthly and their help counts much. The members work together in their work of uplift and seem to be happy in so doing.

The men of Ross Street Christian Church have for one aim, that is the promotion of the church. They have on a building program and every member is kept informed of what is expected of him at a certain time and all try to respond. They have a lovely choir, Mrs. A. P. Brayboy, presides at the piano and the pastor, Rev. G. F. Lewis, is an efficient director of the music. Mr. Richard Feagins is president of the choir and serves well in keeping the members together. The choir has a male quartette, that one will delight to hear sing.

The church has a pool for baptising, rest-room and a choir stall, which makes it pleasant and convenient.

Miss Sadye Williams, is a live wire in both church and Sunday School. She has charge of the Youth and have them organized into a Junior Choir and an Usher Board, which fills a much needed space and useful service. She is training them for Christian service. The Junior Choir has charge of Church and Sunday School, the Second Sunday of each month and the Usher Board serves each Lord's Day.

Mr. Columbus Hinson, is a young man, but an elder of the church. He is one elder, who seems to know the duty of an elder and performs it nicely. He is wide-awake and active and wishes the advancement of the church.

The Building Committee, which consists of the pastor, secretary, Jas. Carter; Treas., E. J. Cottrell; Jno. P. Brayboy and Mr. Leon Feagin are doing nicely, all in their power to keep the spirit of church improvement alive in the hearts of members. Their motto is, "Every member do his duty. We must be Christians."

INDIANA AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Reverend R. H. Davis, Pastor
By Alma P. Cummings

4109 Prairie Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Our Annual Women's Day Service sponsored by the Missionary Society was held Sunday morning, December 7, 1941, Mrs. I. B. Metcalf, wife of the pastor of Jackson Blvd. Christian Church, former Missionary to India and officer of the U. C. M. S. delivered a fine message of information and inspiration to an appreciative audience. In the absence of the president, Miss Fenton Hamilton, Mrs. Lillie Mae Smith, vice president, presided and Miss Deborah Smith acted as Mistress of Ceremonies.

At 8:00 P.M., Mrs. R. A. Doan, vice president of the U. C. M. S., and one of the leaders of the Emergency Million Teams, brought a challenging message to us. Our church, through the initiative of our pastor has assumed the responsibility of raising two units of $100.00 each for the emergency. $100.00 in cash and pledges were raised that evening.

The final Christmas Musical rendered by the Senior Choir under the leadership of Mrs. Goldie Guy Martin. On Sunday night, December 21, was a great success numerically, financially and from the contents of the renditions. A beautiful candle light pro-

cessional preceded the program.

On Christmas morning, we observed our second annual Christmas service from five to six o'clock. The senior choir and the Gospel Chorus opened the service with a candle light procession, inspiring Christmas carols and an interesting message by Rev. R. H. Davis were the chief features.

At the close of the service the pastor baptized Mrs. Elnora Cowan who was formerly of the Lutheran Church, and Ellis Sebastian of the Catholic Church.

Mrs. Isaiah Moore of Little Rock, Ky., spent several weeks in our city, visiting Mr. and Mrs. John O'Banion her brother-in-law and sister who are active members of our church.

During the holidays, Mr. Thomas P. Green, active young member of our church, who is now a student at Kentucky State College, Frankfort, Kentucky, spent his vacation among friends here.

The year 1941 closed as follows: Our final mid-week service from 8:30 to 10:30 P.M. Mrs. Cynthia Martin assisted the pastor in this service.

From 11:00 to 12:00 o'clock, regular service was held. Rev. Robinson, National singing evangelist, accompanied by his wife, led the singing and rendered two numbers.

From 12:00 to 12:15, a period of silent meditation with soft music by a string ensemble, part of a local orchestra directed by Mr. Oven Lawson.

At 12:30 A.M., Miss Evelyn Smith, prominent member of our church, well known national leader in conferences and conventions was united in marriage to Mr. Owen M. Lawson of Chicago, member of Greater Bethesda Baptist Church. The bridal party included Mrs. T. R. Sherrad, Miss Lucille Ramsey, and Mr. Olean Lee, with Rev. Davis, officiating.

The Gospel Chorus under the leadership of Mrs. Evelyn Smith Lawson and the music director of the church, Mrs. Goldie Guy Martin, have discontinued their first Sunday musicals until the fifth Sunday. Their first musical of the year will be given the fifth Sunday in March.

The regular Fourth Sunday round-table discussion by the Missionary Society, was held Sunday, January 26, 1942, at 7:00 P.M. Miss Carnella Jamison, the leader. The theme was, "What is wrong with the world?"

Mrs. Susie Simpson, leader of the January birthday club, was commended on her marvelous report. The birthday clubs are doing much toward the financial support of the church.

George Frazier brought a great message Sunday morning. All left this meeting in high spirit to make the next better, and then all eyes will be turned toward Winchester to the State Convention where Bro. Owens and his good wife and members are getting things in order.

The Budget Program that is being tried out by the High Street Christian Church is working fine and getting good results. The roof and cutting are being repaired this week. All department are cooperating and working to put the total program over.

The members of the Christian Endeavor were given a surprise and treat Sunday Night, by the Advisers and President, Mrs. Estella Jackson and Miss Melvina Blair, celebrating the fifty-second anniversary of the Christian Endeavor—after the rendition of an appropriate program, an anniversary cake made by Mrs. Vernon McGeorge was served and enjoyed by all.

The Church Aid met at the home of Mrs. Eliza Jackson. The Christian Workers Club met at Mrs. Sarah Bailey's. The Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. Maggie McClure's. All meetings were well-attended and transacted important business.

Miss Vernice Chenault, a student of Booker T. Washington, was the speaker for the first Sunday of January. Her subject was, "The Day's Ahead." The church was filled to its capacity to hear Dr. Howard Thurman, Dean of the Chapel of Fisk University, Sunday morning, to deliver his sermon. After the address, Rev. Mr. Cleo Blackburn, director of the Assembly House, Indianapolis, Ind., was the speaker for the eleven o'clock services, Sunday, February 1.

Rev. R. H. Peoples, National Field Worker, will speak Sunday, February 8th.

SOUTHSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH CLOSSES ITS MOST SUCCESSFUL YEAR

R. E. Latouche, Pastor
E. C. Welch, Reporter
3402 ½ Giles Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Stella Peck, State Secretary of Women's Missionary Societies of Illinois, was the speaker for our Women's Day Program. She was presented by our National Worker, Miss Carnella Jamison, Mrs. Rosan Page Welch added to the occasion by singing a very beautiful solo. Mrs. N. S. Taylor made the appeal for the offering. Mrs. Maggie Bennett is to be congratulated on the fine work the society is doing.

Our yearly report shows that the church raised $5,557.34, plus $703.55 brought over from First Church, making a grand total of $7,360.89, at the beginning of the year of 1941, the church indebtedness was $29,100, which with the able leadership of our pastor, it now stands at $5,500 with $4,000 on hand to complete transaction. This, in itself shows the great business, as well as spiritual leadership of R. E. Latouche and his well balanced official Board.

The third Sunday of each month has been turned over to Rev. Fox and the youth of the church. Our speaker for the third Sunday of January was Mr. Samuel H. Gandy, Dean of the Chapel of Fisk University. His subject was, "The Day's Ahead." The church was filled to its capacity to enjoy this great message from this inspiring speaker. Mrs. Rosa Page Welch presented a group of young people in Choral Readings, which added much to the worship. The Youth Choir sang beautifully.

Kaline Hibaouyskoues from Bulgaria, is the speaker for the third Sunday in February. Theme, "Our Christian Brothers Across the Lines of Conflict.

Rev. Fox and fifteen of the young people attended the chapel at Chicago University, Sunday morning, to hear Dr. Howard Thurman, Dean of Chapel, Howard University, Washington, D.C., after which he took them through sections of the Disciples Divinity House; after which they had lunch at the Hutchins's Commons. Other members of the congregation heard him at the Sunday evening Club at Orchestra Hall. His address was, "Deliver Us From Evil."

Mr. Cleo Blackburn, director of the Assembly House, Indianapolis, Ind., was the speaker for the eleven o'clock services, Sunday, February 1.

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ROMINE ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Elder L. H. Crawford, Pastor
Mrs. M. M. Henderson, Reporter
3512 Latimer St., Dallas, Texas

Romine Church closes the fiscal year with the church paid out of debt. She now launches a full program for the new year, with the election of officers and under the very efficient leadership of Elder L. H. Crawford. The officers for the ensuing year are: Elders Fuller, Titus, Patton, Brown, Caddell and Abraham. Deacons Pierson, Stafford, Williams, Myers, Brooks, and Adams. Trustees: Tolbert, Pierson, Stafford, Titus, and Fuller. Clerks Bro. Stafford, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Henderson, and Mrs. Boyd.

C. E. S.: Mrs. Proctor, Pres.
Pulpit Committee: Mrs. Paris, Chm.
Choir Directress: Mrs. Titus.
Mrs. Crawford is sponsoring the Young People's Fidelis Club.
The W. M. S. presented a very beautiful play, January 25, 1942. Title, “Follow In His Train,” to a very appreciative audience.

There has been two additions in this new year and we are praying that we may continue to grow spiritually and become a brighter star in star in the brotherhood.

FIRESIDE CHAT
Dear Fellow-workers:
We have just had a very interesting Executive Committee and also Program Committee Meeting. Those present were Mrs. Rosa B. Bracy, Miss Carnella Jamison, Miss Flowers, Mrs. Johnny Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Preston Taylor, Dr. J. E. Walker, Prof M. R. Eppse, Prof R. H. Peoples, L. L. Dickerson, S. S. Myers, W. H. Taylor and your humble servant. Ours was a great meeting and a splendid fellowship was enjoyed by all. The program was arranged under the direction of Chairman S. S. Myers.

Many matters of importance were discussed and plans were made for carrying on the work. Dr. J. E. Walker reported that we have a balance of $118.00 on past indebtedness and I am asking the churches who have not responded to my call of $5.00 each to please remit to the treasurer. We are faced with having money to carry on the Christian Plea. Will each church do their part? Let all of the old subscribers pay up and then let us have some new ones.

Remember the first Sunday in March is our National Convention Day and we are asking each disciple to pay at least $1.00 for the National Work. Let us raise it and send it to one place to which I am asking the churches who have not responded to my call of $5.00 each to please remit to the treasurer. We are faced with having money to carry on the Christian Plea. Will each church do their part? Let all of the old subscribers pay up and then let us have some new ones.

The Executive Committee voted to hold National Convention in Kansas City with the Woodland Ave. Church Monday after the third Sunday in August and we are asking each church to plan to have delegates there. Begin to get ready now for the good people of Woodland will be expecting you. We want to show our loyalty by having a fine attendance. The program is to be a great one. All we need now is your presence for the putting it over.

Our group was presented in the chapel of A. and I. State College and your humble servant gave greetings for the group. Miss Jamison had charge of the devotions. We visited and preached to interesting audiences at Lea Avenue, Sunday morning and held a conference with the officers. At night we spoke to Alameda Christian Church and enjoyed a fine fellowship with Bro. Malloy and his good people. They are doing a good work. On Monday night we spoke to an appreciative group at Gay Street and held a conference with the officers. We also visited our churches in Knoxville, Tenn., Bro. Daniels and good people are hard at work, trying to wipe out the debt on their new parsonage. The three churches at Louisville, Ky., had a good audience to hear us and we were well cared for by Bro. Floyd and Walton and his good people. Our work there is very much alive. On Friday it was my pleasure to be the guest of Bro. L. L. Dickerson, his good wife and the church. It was my privilege to assist in the ordination of Bro. Dickerson, he and his wife are doing a fine work there. That church has some able workers in it and we feel that it will grow to be an important factor in the Master's Cause.

The committee appreciated the efforts of Prof. Eppse and the fine dinner served by our own Sister Taylor in her palatial home. They all agreed that she should have the blue ribbon. Everyone left there inspired to work hard and hope to make this a great National Convention. I wish to thank the workers for their co-operation and for the many good letters of encouragement.

Now let us all pull together for a great "Founder's Day" the first Sunday in March and answer the roll call with a dollar for each man, and woman. Yours in the work,

REV. R. WESLEY WATSON, President

TO THE MISSIONARY SOCIETIES OF THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

From Mrs. Jennie Mae Daniels
310 Temperance Street
Knoxville, Tenn.

Greetings:
After reading the minutes of our National Convention, we are happy to note the progress the States have made over the previous years. Although some of the States fell short of their former mark we are sure they too, will increase their giving this year. The increase in membership was good, both in adult and children societies. Let us pray for a greater increase in the future.

We are thanking each Society for your cooperation with State and National work for we are confident with your help, the Missions will be able to meet the challenge of the hour as never before.

The States reported in the National Convention, Nashville, Tenn. as follows:

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DISCIPLES HONORED
Rev. and Mrs. Baxter Carrol Duke, Pastor of Avalon Christian Church, Los Angeles, California, were selected with forty others, as deserving signal praise for their work in inter-racial good will and Juvenile delinquency.

VIRGINIA, WEST VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA
TRI-STATE ECHOES

"Thine ears shall a word behind thee, saying, this is the way."—Isa. 30:21

Mrs. V. Spencer Hairston
614 Hickory St., Winston-Salem, N.C.

CHURCH NEWS

Parksgrove, Wilksboro, N.C.
J. W. Mack, Minister

The old church building has been torn down and a new one constructed which far surpasses the old one in architecture and structure. Through many trials and many months of depression, the members are triumphantly struggling to liquidate the debt on the new building. The pastor Elder J. W. Mack, gives part time services, but the church is in excellent condition under his leadership.

Center Tabernacle, Greensboro, N.C.
Pastorless

Since the passing of Elder E. D. Holt, Center Tabernacle pulpit has been supplied by local ministers. Bro. Poole, an officer of the church, is a very fine man, well-educated and is an agriculturist and has a very fine job. He has a fine wife and daughter.

**Choir Pulpit Gowns**

Usb.-Badges, Arm Bands, Choir Gowns, Catalog, samples on request. Also Church furniture. State needs and name of church.

DeMoulin Bros. & Co., 1131 S. 4th St., Greenville, Illinois
Elder Walter Edward Steward Meets Untimely End

Veteran Disciple Minister Passes at the age of 54 Years

Elder Walter Edward Steward was born in Kansas. He was ordained at the age of 29 and has pastored in Texas, Mississippi, Arkansas, Kentucky and Tennessee. He has done mission work in Wisconsin, Illinois, Virginia, Carolina, Indiana, Missouri, and Kentucky. He had just closed his pastorate of the Campbell Street Church, Hopkinsville, Ky., and had started to revive the Second Christian Church, Clarksville, when he was called to the Rockford, Illinois Church.

He had made one trip to Rockford completing plans for his return and on arriving in Clarksville, December 11, he was struck by an automobile trailer. His physician says that he was injured internally but refused to stop. He was under the doctor's care from December 11 to February (Continued on Page 2)

PRESIDENT'S FIRESIDE CHAT

Dear Fellow-Workers:

We are now in the midst of our 25th year of endeavor as an Organized Agency, THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF DISCIPLES OF CHRIST OF AMERICAN. We have set as our goal, we have allocated definite responsibilities to states and areas, goals have been suggested to all of our churches and a special request is made that we use the period concluding on Father's Day, the third Sunday in June as the time when every member of all of our churches will make their contribution towards the attainment of the total goal. As your humble servant, I am urging cooperation of every member in the Brotherhood to give at least $1.00 and same sent to our Treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker, Memphis, Tenn., with the names of all donors listed.

Definite plans are being made to have the General Field Secretary to visit as many churches as is practicable between this and the National Convention. I quote here the schedule as mapped out for her and ask as she comes into your community and churches you will serve as an individual booster to make her visit fruitful towards the end of disseminating information and achieving goals.

There are ten churches that have been asked to give $100.00 each. Among that number is the church of which I am a member, Woodland Avenue, and on the first Sunday in March, with Mrs. Bracy as our guest, we have reached half of our goal and every indication is that we will reach the total goal. The following churches are listed for $100.00: Indiana Ave., Chicago, Ill.; Indianapolis, Indiana Second Christian Church; 8th Street, Kansas City Kansas; Boll St., Dallas, Texas; Baltimore, Md., Mt. Olyver; Avalon, Los Angeles, Cal.; Cincinnati, Ohio; St. Louis, Mo.; Memphis, Tenn., $200.00 and Lea Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.; Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas; Lexington, Ky. Even though I am not listing
ELDER WALTER EDWARD STEWARD MEETS UNTIMELY DEATH
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26, when he passed at his home 113 St. John Street, Clarksville, Tenn.
He leaves to mourn his loss, four children: Mrs. Edith Atkinson, Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Bernice Smith, Detroit, Michigan; Reverend Jesse Steward, Detroit, Michigan; Mr. Willie Steward, Kansas City, Mo., and his wife, Mrs. Susie B. Steward, who is a prominent educational leader of Clarksville, Tennessee. Mrs. Steward was formerly a supervisor of all the schools of Montgomery County. He also left two nieces, Mrs. Rector and Leon Fullon of Kansas City, Mo. He was buried at Clarksville, Tenn., Mar. 3, 1942. It was stated that his funeral was one of the largest ever held in Clarksville. The Brotherhood loses one of the old pioneer spirits.

DISCIPLE SOLDIER SPEAKS
Camp Davis, N.C.
Btry. F, 2nd Bn.
99th Coast Artillery

To the Editor of
"The Christian Plea":
Today, we are seeing unfolded the final acts in drama seemingly of the world's history. Each day the chimes ring out and reveal a new and changing scene. The leading actors, dictators, and war lords of Western Europe are contesting a world-wide supremacy of helpless people. The twentieth century warfare has sounded its siren of death and destruction, while a tottering, cracking, and crumbling civilization reveals the shadow of human destiny.

Sometime we stand perplexed, then suddenly we start smiling again because we can see our way out of perplexation. Yet amid these perplexed and deplorable conditions, heavenly lights shine to enlighten our path. The Creator's vast and limitless universe has not forgotten us. Our hopes, our consolations and spiritual desires extend beyond the things of this distraughted world.

Perhaps out of this world-wide catastrophe, man will make an ever living armistice with truth. The modern man needs a reconciliation of truth, faith in his existence and above all, he needs faith in his fellowmen. But the question which is in the mind of every American citizen is this: After this war, what? Well, I am not a prophet but if there be an end to this war, life perhaps will go on as usual after all great wars. But the most distraughted thing will be the reconstruction of the world's most tragic ills and sufferings.

I wonder will man reconstruct again God in the lives of individuals who desire to have him back. Eventually there will arise from the tragedy and turmoil of today's ills that which most men have longed for, which is the Kingdom of God upon earth in the hearts of men.

May I challenge the youth of today with a few words from a soldier. My challenge to you is help keep alive those God-like qualities which are man's greatest heritage in a bewildered world. May those qualities which will set men free be the basic foundation of your faith and high estacy of God. I speak from within the army to my fellowmen far and near.

Thy soul amid earth's sorrows dwelling
Sighing for the strife to cease,
Lo, the promise sweet foretelling
Shall soon come the Prince of Peace.

May God's will be done unto all alike.

Yours in Christ,
JAMES LEON KILLINGWORTH

SOUL-WINNING
G. E. Lakes
2317 Morgan Ave.
Parsons, Kansas

Soul-winning is much needed in these days. Often the laws of God seem to be just the opposite with man and will continue with him until it is everlastingly too late unless he makes some changes.

"Life does not consist of the abundance of things," but there are many who think that it does. Therefore, they are robbing themselves of the joy of living the abundant life by trying to gain the whole world.

"Win the victory," is a national cry today. Truly, we want the national victory won, but most of all, we want man won to Him that won the greatest victory of all.

As I review the Christian movements for the last few years, I see that many that have had their souls won to Christ have gone back to the world. Their souls were saved, but now they are lost. We now have as great a fight to win them back as we have to win those who have never been won.

This approaching season, the Easter season, should be one that we should do all that we can to make it a soul-winning season by planning and carrying out of our plan for as many evangelistic programs as we can. It is through this type of work that we are trying to reach all people, both those that have been in Christ and those that have never been in Christ in order that all may have the chance to receive the "Invitation to Live" the "Abundant Life."
The following is an abbreviation of a message delivered at the Central Christian Church, Kilgore, Tex., when the St. Luke Methodist (white) joined the Central Christian Church of the same city in sponsoring a race relations program.

FACTORS IN RACE RELATIONS
Pres. P. C. Washington

We are living in an age of many races, languages, and tongues, but God's love and grace are sufficient for all of these persons. God, our Father, is vitally interested in the general welfare of the whole human family.

It is very peculiar to me that so many persons in so many races have not yet reached the point of realizing the true value and worth of human life wherever it is found.

As we face a world today that is war torn and disturbed, race relations stand out very prominently, and is a big factor in the lack of peace and harmony internationally, which of course is contrary to the will of God.

It is needless to say that a lack of knowledge as to the principles of rights and justice is a potent factor in race relations.

Turning the pages of history, we find that man has passed through ages wherein he was wrapped in ignorance and superstition and knew no other way of escape. Therefore, he fought, he killed, and lived in turmoil.

But today, we are living in an age that is supported by great educational advantages, scientific inventions, and investigations, and still we miss the point simply because we do not have a fundamental knowledge that functions as to the moral and spiritual laws of God. Therefore, man should seek real knowledge in the realms of morality and spirituality in order to solve his problems in race relations.

The lack of racial understanding has always stood in the way of good and fine relations. One race fails to understand the character, ideas, and the customs of another. In most cases, the effective majority has not taken the time to consider such points or to recognize that the less effective minority has any rights or privileges that the first group should take cognizance of in any way.

This brings about the act of pre-judging every need and the total worth of the minority group by the majority group without any pertinent facts by which to analyze the case.

In Germany, the effective majority (Hitler and his party) prejudged the Jews as a less effective minority to be an eternal stumbling stone to the system of governmental control they were interested in fostering. Therefore, the rights and privileges of the Jews were cancelled, their property confiscated, and they were driven away from their homes without any consideration as to human values, justice, truth, and love. But this act will have a demoralizing effect upon the spiritual natures of the German people long after the war shall have closed. Such is not the will of God, but simply the results of conditions brought about because the principles of God have not been accepted.

In the U.S.A. the American white man and the American Negro are living in the world's so called greatest democracy, and the relationship between these two groups presents a very interesting picture.

Today, we are in a war that must be fought to its bitter end. Together, these two races will fight in the air, on the land, and the sea to protect this democracy, its possessions and ideals. But there is one sad feature in this total role that gives me concern and it should be considered by the thinking persons of all groups.

Fact is simply this. After the big guns cease to roar, after the warships, the battleships, the destroyers, and submarines drop anchor, when the bombers and fighter planes are grounded and the soldiers the world over lay down their arms and exchange their military garb for civilian robes of peace and dignity, the Negro will still be on the battlefield. He still must fight against injustices, against unrighteous principles, against mob violence, and its evil spirit. He still must fight for the opportunity of earning a mere existence in this economic system of ours.

This ought not to be in our democracy, but it has been righteously said that "where there is no vision, the people perish."

A lack of understanding as to the moral and spiritual laws of God make it impossible for truth, justice, peace, and happiness to rule supremely. I am quite sure that we have made progress in the right direction, but this progress has been too small and too insignificant in comparison to the great opportunity that is one's to enjoy.

We are all Texans because we live in this big, fine, beautiful state of Texas, but the Negro cannot enjoy himself as a Texan due to the fact he is circumscribed on every side.

To prove this point, may I call your attention to the bombing that took place in Dallas, Texas, when a few Negroes merely bought a few decent homes so that they might live decently and be a credit to the city.

Again, my Christian friends, we must review with shame the two open court-room killings in our state, and to be sure, one of the killers was congratulated for his noble deed according to the idea of an associate. As far as we know, both cases were settled without any just consideration. These activities are an insult to the Christian integrity of the state of Texas and to the nation.

They are not only a contempt of court but a direct defiance and insult to the state constitution, the bill of rights, and the whole of the constitution of the United States. These are the seeds from which disturbances, persecution, wars, and all forms of evil germinate and grow. We hope that our God will help us to rise above these degrading activities that stifle our spiritual nature as a human family.

As we seek a way out of this bewildering situation, I wish to propose the Negro's optimistic view as an aid. The Negro has always been loyal to the stars and stripes. He has always stood with the red, white, and blue, and he is loyal in spite of difficulties and will be loyal in the future.

This loyalty and support of our democracy on the part of the Negro is simply an indication of his optimism and belief that this democracy will become the world's greatest and purest democracy in every sense of the word. This great task calls for the combined effort of all races in this country to bring about this realization.

As we seek a way of racial understanding and peace, we must get the facts and use them to the best interest of all concerned. The facts will reveal to us that we must work to produce moral minded beings, spiritual beings, human beings with civic pride, persons who are industrious and are willing to share the best that they have in spiritual knowledge in social graces and in material goods with humanity without giving consideration to race or color. This is God's way of dealing with man and His fundamental principles of righteousness are true and unchangeable.

This way involves living nobly so that our good qualities and good influence might be felt round about us. It involves the study of yesterday's mistakes with the idea of planning tomorrow's success. As we consider the problems of this total world, we come back to the point that we must be guided by that compelling spiritual power that forces us to live creatively.

We should so live today that our young people might live more abundantly because of our having lived so nobly.

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YOUTH TODAY

DEMORALIZATION

W. J. Hale, Jr.
State Director N. Y. A.
Nashville, Tenn.

Is youth going to the Devil? The answer, in the main, is Yes. The reason is simple—man is largely a reflection of his environment. In a world gone mad, it would be astonishing if youth went any other place than the abode of the Devil. Their elders have created a world situation, either actively or passively, which makes almost inevitable the demoralization of youth. The world over—white, black, yellow, brown, or red.

The first cause, in our country, is High Finance. This phase of the economic system is based upon the changing of materials and resources into invisible money values. Under this development, it becomes more profitable to speculate upon the probabilities of producing goods than it is to produce the goods themselves. Consumption and production both become secondary to the exchange of imaginary billions of dollars printed on paper in the form of stocks, bonds, mortgages, credits, deposits, ad infinitum. The stock market, bank manipulations, Insurance speculation, and the numbers racket are the results. No wonder that youth wants something for nothing, despises honest work, and resorts to racketeering, when society sets the pattern for his behavior.

Second, a sane outgrowth of high finance is War. World War II, as we call it, really began in 1931 on the plains of Manchuria. It wound, when society sets the pattern for his behavior.

The apostle Paul recognized this great personal enemy. Six times in one verse of scripture he calls him by name. "For that which I do, I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I." Romans 7:15.

The carnal nature in man is continually at war with the "inward man." "For the good that I would, I do not: but the evil is present with me." "I see another law in my members warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members." Verses 19, 21, 23.

This great warfare wrings from the apostle a call for help. He finds himself defeated and draws further and further into sin. He cries out, "O, wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" Verse 24. He is brought face to face with the great executioner of souls. In his despair, he turns to the only one that can help. Immediately, the battle is won. In Christ, the victory is sure. The very next breath brings a shout of triumph, "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord."

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Dear Brother:
As you know the Disciples of Christ have joined hands with other Church communions in North America in the campaign to "reach every person with Christian teaching." This program is called THE UNITED CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ADVANCE. Our National Secretary, Mr. R. H. Peoples, called THE UNITED CHRISTIAN Crusade. We want to enroll our churches in this galvanizing crusade.

At the recently held sessions of the INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, which was held at the Stevens Hotel, Chicago, the leadership of all Discipledon gathered together in a meeting to testify as to how the entire Brotherhood was responding to this great challenge. Many expressions were given by white ministers concerning the methods they had used to introduce the program to their churches. In all instances there was an increase in membership and finance reported; Cradle Rolls swelled; and the existing membership was revitalized. This was, indeed, inspiring. When Mr. Peoples was asked as to how the Negro Disciples were responding to the program for the Master, however, he was forced to make the embarrassing reply that out of over fifteen hundred entrants in this crusade for Christ there were only eighteen Negro Disciple churches.

Mr. Peoples has asked for the contributions to this column in the Christian Plea (The New Frontier) to begin a sustained drive among our churches so as to make us as near a hundred per cent cooperative as possible. It is a certainty that our efforts in this united push for soul-winning will swell our total membership immensely.

Has your church enrolled in the crusade? If it hasn't, will you send to Indianapolis for the free packet for your church?

If you are in it, will you write two paragraphs explaining how you introduced the program into your church? We want to begin printing such expressions in the PLEA so as to help those of us who are having difficulty in finding ways to integrate the program into our local situation. If you want your contribution published next month please send it in by April 1st. Thank you.

Yours in Christ,
WILLIAM K. FOX
(Organizer of the contributions to the NEW FRONTIER)

DONATIONS TO THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

1. Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas
   donations as follows:
   - President P. D. Washington $3.00
   - Miss E. L. Adams .50
   - Mrs. L. Y. Amos 1.00
   - Mr. E. S. Barkley 1.00
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   - Mrs. B. Propps 1.00
   - Mr. E. W. Henry 1.00
   - Miss Vera Lynns .25
   - Miss A. M. Mott 1.00
   Total for Jarvis College $36.15

2. Mrs. Rosa L. Wicks, 1206 T. Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.
   $5.00

3. Fayette Street Christian Church, Martinsville, Va., sent the following:
   - Mrs. M. N. Thomas 1.00
   - Missionary Society 1.00
   - Rev. J. L. Taylor 1.00
   - Mrs. G. Starling 1.00
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4. Rev. William K. Fox, 1156 East 57th St., Chicago, Illinois
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3. Mrs. Thomas Calhoun, 339 Arion Street, Youngstown, Ohio
   5.00

4. Rev. C. W. Arnold, Monroe Ave., Christian Church, Columbus, Ohio
   5.00

5. A Friend (St. Louis) 5.00

6. Mr. William J. Hale, Jr., A. I. & S. College, Nashville, Tenn.
   5.00

7. Rev. P. K. Alexander, First Christian Church, Concord, N. C.
   5.00

8. A. G. Nelson, 1921 East 24th St., Kansas City, Mo.
   5.00

9. Rev. T. B. Everet, Box 136, Mineral Wells, Texas
   5.00

10. Rev. A. Davis, 2127 N. 5th St., Kansas City, Kansas
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12. Rev. E. G. Lakes, 2317 Morgan Avenue, Parsons, Kansas
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Mrs. A. P. Cunings, 4109 Prairie Ave., Chicago, Illinois 2.75
Mr. G. W. Hall, 1600 4th St., 1.00
Rev. James L. Dickerson, Issaquah, Washington 1.00
Rev. William K. Fox, 1156 East 57th St., Chicago, Illinois 1.00
Mr. James Dickerson, 335 East Church St., Xenia, Ohio 1.30
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Mrs. S. E. Whitehouse, King City, Mo. 1.00
Mrs. H. B. Marx, 222 Downey Avenue, Indianapolis, Ind. 1.00
Rev. John D. Henry, 121 Front Street, Clayton, North Carolina 7.00
Dr. E. J. Walker, 254 Hernando Street, Memphis, Tenn. (National Convention) 25.00

OUR NEXT NATIONAL

By Bro. C. H. Dickerson
Lexington, Ky.

It's a long way to Kansas, a long way to go.

But it's this side of California, by two thousand miles or more
Thanks to Bro. Duke & Co. for invitations there
But Kansas City is close and our hearts are right there.

Thanks to Indianapolis, for their beckoning hand
But had some indefinates, the Committee couldn't understand
Bro. Myers had the bacon, and fried for breakfast fare.
They smelt the coffee and said, "Boys we'll go there."

Watson and Taylor, the president and vice
Eppse, L.L.D. and Peoples and Rosa V. for life
Sister Duke and Jamison, Miss Flowers Fair

It's "all out for" Kansas and our heart's right there.

Kansas City understands, we've been there before
Alphax was the other man, and he made good the score
Myers has the wheel now, and driving with care
A lively gate for Sunflower State, and my heart's right there.

We come from all directions, it's time to "change the hosses"
Harness up another team and count the gains and losses
As some go out and others in, officials' loads to bare
It's a long way to Kansas, but my heart's right there.

ALLEN FIRST DISCIPLE TO PASS IN CAMP

Roland Allen, son of a faithful leader, Mrs. Pearl S. Allen, 5634 Helen St., Tildenwood Place, Ohio, passed away due to an operation for appendicitis in an Army Hospital in New York, January 5, 1942.

This is the first notice of one of our sons paying the supreme price for his country. He leaves a host of friends and bereaved mother to mourn his loss.
ACTIVITIES OF THE BROTHERHOOD

EAST TWENTY-EIGHTH STREET
CHRISTIAN CHURCH
1061 East Twenty-eighth St.
WALTER J. BRYANT, Minister
ALMA MILLER, Reporter
Res. 406 East 42nd Place
Los Angeles, California

Greetings to the Brotherhood from the East 28th St. Christian Church, corner of 28th St. and Paloma Ave.

This is the first time we have addressed you since we have moved into our new location, and we are happy indeed to be able to say that all is well with us. We are indeed sailing under the banner of Christ and striving to carry on in the work of kingdom building, and soul saving.

During the past few months we have been very busy indeed with many and varied programs, all shaped and designed to glorify God and magnify His holy name.

During the month of November we presented the celebrated baritone, Mr. Tod Duncan, in a public recital to a capacity house at the Mayan Playhouse. This effort was to boost our financial program, and was under the auspices of our 25 and over club. It was highly successful and gave our Organ Club wonderful help as well as giving to the public an afternoon of truly wonderful entertainment.

During December we actually moved our home from our old location at 16th and Birch St., where we had been since 1918 to our present home. January was spent in preparation for our dedication services which were held on the 8th of February and were highly spiritual and impressive.

During the entire time our financial program which was mostly carried on through self denial rally, instead of entertainments, has made progress beyond our expectations.

While we were moving we were compelled to defer the celebration of our Pastor’s Anniversary, which was really due on the 1st Sunday in December. The anniversary will be celebrated during the incoming week and will be marked with the spirit of fellowship. We have invited and expect to entertain many of the leading ministers of the city who are coming to us, together with their choirs and congregation to help us show our appreciation to Elder Bryant whom we all love.

Since coming to us he has endeared himself not only to the members of our own congregation, but to the community at large. We are praying and giving thanks to God daily for the blessing of his ministry.

We are pleased to say to the Brotherhood that we are working and praying always that God will bless and keep not only our congregation, but the disciples everywhere and help us to hold up the banner of Christ here on the west coast. We ask an interest in your prayers and welcome any of the brethren who come to Los Angeles to come and worship with us.

Again we say, may God bless and keep you and all, we remain as ever yours in Christ. East 28th St. Christian Church.

REPORT OF YOUNGSTOWN CHURCH
ELDER F. T. BARNETT, Pastor
W. J. AYRES, Reporter

The Youngstown Church is forging ahead in all its departments. Since the first of the year there has been a steady increase in attendance and offerings both in our Bible School and in our church services.

Deacon Roger Haynes, who, for five years served as superintendent of our Bible School resigned that post because of urgency of other duties. While as superintendent, Deacon Haynes was always faithful and loyal—never once was he absent from filling his place. The church is proud of him. Elder Stephen Coleman is now our new superintendent, and the church has pledged him full support.

March 1st was our Home-Coming Sunday. Brother Hayes Peoples was our guest speaker. From the efforts of the church and the conferences that were held with the official board and the leaders of the white Christian Churches, Mr. Peoples envisioned a great future for this local church. We are greatly heartened by his visit.

FROM BLUEFIELD, WEST VIRGINIA
Jones St. Christian Church moves on even through this cold winter. We have succeeded in keeping up current expenses and making regular monthly payments on our church debt.

The officers cooperate in a splendid way without friction.

The Choir under the direction of Mrs. Ethel Keeling is an inspiration in the services. We had one addition in February.

The Bible School under the leadership of Prof. N. J. Dickerson as superintendent has made great progress. All his officers and teachers are willing and know how; having had training in college or summer conferences or both. All active members of the church and regular attendants at the regular service.

We are putting on a Spring Financial Drive for one hundred and fifty dollars with an equal assessment on The Men’s Group, The Women’s Group, and the Young People’s and Children’s Group.

Two of our young men have been called to the army, Brother Clarence Dickerson and Brother William Charlton, but we are still preaching the new gospel of Christ which will bring good will among men so that we may have peace on earth.

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NEWS

By Elder J. E. Bean

Officers and the Cabinet of the High St. Christian Church met Wednesday night and checked the results of the tentative program under which the church has worked for the past three months. All departments of the church were so well pleased with the progress made and the results obtained that they unanimously decided with a few modifications to use the same pattern and launch a big drive for the July rally.

Mrs. V. Y. Chenault, our newly elected Sunday School Superintendent, Mrs. Eliza Jackson, President of the Church Aid Society, Mrs. Mary D. Nelson, President of the Missionary, Miss Melvina Blain and Mrs. Estella Jackson, President and Adviser of Christian Endeavor, Mrs. Beatrice Pruett, President of the Choir, Deacon Strother Grubbs, President of Christian Workers Club and Elder Wm. Bailey, President of the Official Board with their staff officers and members are all lined up for the big drive and are praying and planning to “carry on” with much success. At this meeting the following young people were selected to attend the Spring Youth Meet, at North Middletown, viz: Misses Marjorie Ohenault, Mary Catherine Howell, Melvina Blain and Joseph Blair. The indications are that at least fifteen young people from Mt. Sterling will attend.

Mrs. Susie Lee Elster was presented a beautiful fountain pen, Sunday as a token of appreciation for services rendered as Superintendent of the Sunday School. The token was presented by Prof. J. E. Bean, Mrs. Clara Blair, a S. S. teacher, a member of the Choir, and all other organizations and the wife of good pastor, has been ill for several days, all pray for her speedy recovery.

The funeral of Sister Nora Johnson, a faithful member of the church of long standing was preached to a large audience at the church by Rev. J. E. Blair. The Christian Workers Club met at the home of Sister Eliza Jackson Monday night. A Pre-Easter Tea will be given at the residence of Brother Strother Grubbs, March 29. The theme: “Toward Calvary” is running the subjects of the sermons of Rev. J. E. Blair, each Sunday. The history, science and philosophy linked with the life of the Virgin Mary and the Divinity of Christ are logically and beautifully discussed in these series of sermons leading up to Easter.

Church officers meeting to be held at the Second St. Christian Church, March 29, is expected to be largely attended by officers and pastors all over the Blue Grass Region. All the officers of High St. Church are expecting to attend. Prof. J. E. Bean has been requested to conduct one of the forums. The Choir, under the leadership of Mrs. Beatrice Prewitt and Mrs. Estella Jackson rendered an excellent musical program at the North Middletown to a large and appreciative audience.

At the Prayer Meeting services, Wednesday evening, two young ladies were baptized by the pastor, Rev. J. E. Blair.

In order not to conflict with the dates of other departments of the church, the Dollar Rally has been changed to the first Sunday in May. Leaders of the big rally in July are as follows: for Smithville Club, Sister Estella Edgar; for City Club No. 1, Sister Davis; for City Club No. 2, Sister Susie Lee Elster; for the Young People, Sister V. Y. Chenault.

Please get ready to renew your subscription for the Plea this month.

NORTH CAROLINA
HERE AND THERE

By Elder John D. Henry
District Secretary

121 Front St., Clayton, N.C.

We enjoy reading the Plea, yet in our February issue we find an article which fails to agree with my write-up relative to the G.C.I. of Goldsboro, N.C. Matthew 5:25. “Agree with thine adversary quickly.” Before you get into dutch. I agree with Dr. Campbell, that it was a matter of financial conditions. The viewpoints have caused us to reply to the article in the February issue. With me it is fruit and with him it is peach.

The state of North Carolina has a State Board of Health, and we were not in shape to come up to all of the sanitary conditions. Yet we agree that it was a matter of financial conditions, we did not feel that it was necessary to mention in detail all the shortcomings, that is why we said “when the state of North Carolina took over the schools in the way of placing them on certain standards, our school would meet the requirements.” My friend told of the positive but failed to mention the negative side. I will ask if all of the outer doors and windows were screened, and what time of year or month did school open and what time did it or was it supposed to close? The State called for more than ditching. We did not have the money to answer its call.

Doctor you are right and we were right—we see fruit and you see peaches. You see it was this way, as head of the administration, Doctor, you pruned the financial trees, BUT, you had a bad season and a poor harvest. Your part was well done.

As we make the round from Pineville Chapel to Kenley, N.C. and preach in the afternoon, February 8. We drive south to Smithfield, N.C. and worship at the St. Peter Church of Christ (this is where my membership is found). There is another progressive group which has as its pastor, Elder W. D. Davis. We can recall when only two churches were found in Smithfield. Elder C. Long began preaching there in 1910 and in 1911 was able to call together a few ministers and church officials and set about a little mission with 11 charter members in attendance.

Soon we had 15 members. Those eleven members worshipped for some time in the late Mr. Siles’ shoe shop. Elder W. B. Parks was later called to lead the flock. He served for one year then came the late Elder W. A. Fordham who served for six years. All this time the church was growing and moving “leaps and bounds.” Elder J. F. Whitfield, now comes to us who has labored with us for nine years and as yet we have not set back. He was with us always, ready to aid as did others “Don’t give up the ship.” By now we were sailing in deep water at rough sea.

Elder Fordham, comes back and for nine years was our pilot while in the days of depression our old church kept up spiritually and we were able to meet our notes. Four years ago Elder Davis came to our call and found our church debt down to $2250.00 and at present it is paid off to $1425.00. We are growing with four other churches now all about us. We now have next to the largest Negro church building in the city and as nice looking as any, well equipped, good choir, Senior and Junior, a good Bible School, Christian Endeavor Society, all working nicely. Give us a call.

We also have six Elders whose memberships are at the St. Peters Church, Smithfield, no local ministers, all ordained.

We are all looking toward our meeting at Fayetteville, N.C. The Joint union to be held with the Pleasant Grove Church, March 27-29. Yes we will be there from Louisville to Staunton, from Wilson, Trenton, Kinston, Clinton. Look out we are on our way, Pineville, Greenville, all into Fayetteville.

Fellow Elders can’t come up there and leave your deacons behind. No plans is expected to let his church represent by letter. This is a democratic church, brother officers of the local church.

The writer has just returned from two meetings. On Sunday afternoon,
at Four Oaks, N.C., the county-wide P.T.A. Congress and today, Monday, we attend the Johnston County Ministers Association. It is composed of ministers irrespective of color, race or creed. Our staff of officers are of both, Negro and white. Our objective is to reach the unchurched. At our first meeting we had about twenty-five present who enrolled as members.

Today our membership passed the fifty mark. Our topic was the negative side of the present day church and the over-looked “Little Sins.” Pray that not only Johnston, N.C., but that our 100 counties in North Carolina and the whole nation and the world may find the closer way with God, and learn as individuals how to serve the present age his calling to fulfill.

Too often the minister visits the white collar home and fails to remember the man at the mill, the factory, the farm or the ditcher. It is time to wake up Brethren, subscribe for the Christian Plea.

NOTES FROM THE OLD ASPARAGUS BED

By A. D. GAULT

Route 3, Mayslick, Ky.

The home fires have been burning throughout the month of February. Along with the good preaching a Christ Centered Crusade has been launched with both colored and white participating. Rev. Toles is preaching from the same subjects assisted by the Principal of the Paris High School. On February 1st, he preached from the subject, “Christ the Son of God.” February 8, a board meeting was held. February 15, Rev. Toles preached from the subject, “Christ in Temptation.” In the afternoon, Rev. George Darise, the pastor of the White Christian Church, spoke from the subject, “Man’s Greatest Privilege.” Visitors for the day were L. D. Poyntz of Germantown, his wife and Mrs. Mollie Commodore; Mrs. Lizzie Bennett and Mrs. Charles Bennett, Jr., Hazelwood, Ohio. On February 17, Rev. Raymond Walton of Louisville was in this part of the state and preached for us. The Sunset Harmonizer Quartet from Rev. L. L. Dickerson’s church in Covington were guest artists. They sang to full houses.

Sunday School is being held each Sunday. $4.00 was sent in to the State Secretary on our state apportionment.

It is hoped that all the church officers from all over the State will be in Lexington, March 29, at the conference over which I shall preside.

THIRD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

By Mrs. Deanie S. Thomas

206 N. Morris Avenue

Bloomington, Indiana

February 19, 1942, the Sunday School of Third Christian Church, Bloomington, Illinois, presented a pagent entitled, “Evangel, Just as I Am”, directed by Mrs. A. L. Martin of Chicago, Illinois. The cast included the Rev. and Mrs. John McGonagle, Margaret Shepherd, Phillips Scott, Esther B. Thomas, Norma L. Thomas, Ruth Miller, Jennie M. Miller, Vivien Miller, Rosanna Wells and the other members of the Sunday School. Mr. Mose A. Thomas is leader of the School.

NEWS FROM THE SHAW CHRISTIAN CHURCH

By E. M. Tounsel

Box 483, Shaw, Miss.

The Shaw Christian Church enjoyed the presence of Brother Tim Baker, an old founder of the Old Hermanville Christian Church. Brother A. E. Brown, a nephew of Elder George Williams, was taken into the church. Other guests present were Brother Booker, his wife and grandson, Prof. Bowens, his assistant, and Sister Stakes. A glorious sermon taken from the first chapter of Ruth, 16-17 verses, was preached by the pastor.

It is regrettable that so many of the members were absent. Among those not present were: Ellen Banton, Ellen Whiting, Alice McClain, H. Miker, Rilla Foster, Sandy Foster, Annie Daniel, Ida Johnson, Robert Johnson, Thelma Russell, Francis Ambus, John Ambus, Annie Sudden, Johana Nelmuns, Jr., Hattie Ware, Rubie Ware, Lizzie Davis, Vinie Lee, and Rebecca Rogers.

Subscriptions were taken for the Christian Plea by Brothers Booker and Brown.

FIFTH CHRISTIAN CHURCH

718 Kenyon Avenue

Cincinnati, Ohio

Rev. S. C. Devine, Pastor

Marcella Tate Smith, Reporter

On the last Sunday evening of January, the membership of the Church gathered in the Sunday School assembly room, at a reception honoring our pastor, Rev. S. C. Devine and the officials of the Church, namely: Elders, Deacons and Trustees.

The evening was spent in singing the old familiar hymns. Each officer and member was asked to have a few remarks. This was a gathering of real fellowship.

The membership gave this reception as an expression of faith in our leaders and all expressed their sincere cooperation with the full program of the church.

We are very proud to have as our Elders: Atty. Jesse D. Locker, who is present, the only Negro member of our city council.

The tables at which the officials were seated were placed in a V which stands for Victory. The room was decorated with American flags and the table decorations were pink and white.

Refreshments were served by a group of the members.

We are looking forward to a very successful year. With the support of the membership the officials will have the needed spark to press ever onward and upward in the building of God’s Kingdom.

The Quarterly District meeting convened with us on Sunday, February 22, 1942. This district consists of Dayton, Oxford, Lockland, Wherzan Ave. and our local church.

This was the first meeting ever held in our District. On Sunday a well represented group worshipped with us in Sunday School and regular morning services.

A delicious dinner was served to all delegates.

The afternoon was taken up with regular business sessions. The next meeting will be held at Lockland in May, on the fourth Sunday.

These meetings are very inspirational and help to keep us informed on what our sister churches are doing.

The Junior Choir sponsored a Kiddies’ Karnival that was quite a success.

Mrs. Cynthia N. Howard and Mrs. Lucy Stigall are sponsors of the group of interested young people.

They were hosts to the city-wide Cooperative Chorus which consists of twelve groups representing Christian, Baptist and Methodist Churches. Each month on the third Sunday, a recital is given at one church. All offering is left with the church at which they are present. The organization is entering its third year and each month sings to capacity crowds.

The Willing Workers Club celebrated their 10th Anniversary on March 1st. The program was rendered by outstanding people of greater Cincinnati. Mrs. L. A. Devine was the principal speaker. This was quite a success both in attendance and finanace.
Mrs. Ella Hardin is the President of the club.
We are very sad to announce the loss to Mrs. Pearl Allen, State Missionary President and member of our church, of her son, Ronald Allen, who passed on to the great beyond. He was encamped with the National Guardsmen at Fort Dix, New Jersey. Also Mr. John Lee West, son of Mr. Andrew West, formerly of Nicholasville, Ky., passed away suddenly after receiving severe burns at his work.

C.Y.F. PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 1-3, 1942
SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH
9th and Camp Street
Indianapolis, Ind.

THEME:
"Youth Advancing With Christ"

Schedule

-Friday-
9:30 P.M.-Lunch;
11:00 A.M.-Opening session, Foster
2:00 P.M.-Discussion groups
3:00 P.M.-Workshop
4:00 P.M.-Recess
5:00 P.M.-Eve session, Foster
7:30 P.M.-Public meeting, Evelyn
9:30 P.M.-Eve session, Foster
10:30 P.M.-General meeting

-Saturday-
9:15 A.M.-Opening session, Evelyn
2:00 P.M.-Discussion groups
4:00 P.M.-Workshop
4:30 P.M.-Recess
5:00 P.M.-Eve session, Foster
6:00 P.M.-Dinner
8:00 P.M.-Worship

-Sunday-
9:00 A.M.-Opening session, Foster
12:00 P.M.-Lunch
2:00 P.M.-Discussion groups
4:00 P.M.-Workshop
5:00 P.M.-Eve session, Foster
7:00 P.M.-Closing session

Adult Counselors, Mrs. Susie L. Elster, Mrs. Mildred Riley, Miss Mildred La Touche, Miss O. B. Lewis.
12:00 A.M.-Recess
12:15 P.M.-Lunch
1:30 P.M.-General session, Foster

Offering - Benediction

Resource leaders-
Rev. John Eubanks, Y.M.C.A. Secretary
Rev. W. O. Gill, Head of Bible Department
Rev. James R. Johnson, Jr., Pastor
Miss Julia Flowers, Acting National Secretary of Negro Missionary Organizations
Miss Evelyn Dunn, co-president, St. Louis, Mo.; Miss Martha Lee Wade, secretary, Louisville, Ky.; Mr. Charles Bramblett, treasurer; Little Rock, Ky.; Others include William K. Fox, Ill.; Mildred Latouche, III.; Mrs. Mildred Riley, Tenn.; Margaret Gladney, Mo.; and Conetta Hairston, N.C.

Among the highlights of the meeting are to be included messages by Prof. W. O. Gill and Rev. John Eubanks.

It you are interested in the program of the young people, please plan to be in attendance. Contact Rev. R. H. Peoples, Missions Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind., and let him know that you are planning to attend. We'll be looking for you.

Sincerely,
Foster T. Craggett,
National Co-President, C.Y.F.

MISS JAMISON'S COLUMN

"WE MUST BE CHRISTIAN"

This is the theme that young people are discussing in the series of World Fellowship Meets now being held throughout our country. In a world of chaos, where Christian young men have been enlisted in the services of their nation, fighting with other nations, there is a greater need than ever before, that the youth of today know what it means to be Christian. A major emphasis of any young people's group should be the position of youth not only in the war today, but the kind of a world which is to come. How can we through a united movement help to prepare today's "crop" for tomorrow's "yield." Meets can figure vitally in the minds of our youth. We must give them definite and concrete things to be promoted.
through their local church groups.

The Louisville Meet held on February 13-15, brought together as fine a representation of the youth as the churches in our Brotherhood have to offer. The molding and shaping of the young people lies in the total responsibility of those who have "blazed the trail" in the years gone by. These young people were lifted toward higher ideals and were able to make a great contribution to their local Meet after witnessing a splendid production of "The Passion Play." Many of them understand more fully what it means to be persecuted for religious beliefs, after seeing how Christ bore the "sins of the world" on his shoulders.

Missionary groups should be making early plans for the Easter Week of Prayer, March 30-April 5. This annual observance of the last week has come to mean much in the life of our brotherhood. Your president has received a copy of the beautiful service arranged for this week entitled "Fellowship in His Suffering." These copies include three services and sell for thirty-five cents per dozen. Order your supplies from The United Missionary Society, 222 Downey Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana. Let us all share in this week of fellowship with Jesus, a test of our "Share in His Suffering."

Second Quarterly reports (December 31) have been received from the following local organizations: Alabama: Birmingham, W.M.S.; Illinois: Chicago, Indiana Avenue; Indiana: Indianapolis, Second Christian; Kansas: Kansas City, Eighth Street; Topeka, Second Christian; Kentucky: Louisville, Hill St.; Midway, W.M.S.; Mt. Sterling, High Street; Paris, Seventh Street; Mississippi: Edwards, Triangle, S.C.I.; Hermanville, King David Chapel; Missouri: Jefferson City, Second Christian, Council, Kansas City, Woodland Avenue, Council; St. Louis, Centennial, Council, Circle, Hi-Tri, Junior Mission Band; North Carolina: Concord, First Christian, Council; Mt. Pleasant, Congregational; Tennessee: Memphis, Mississippi Boulevard; Texas: Dallas, Boll Street; Palestine, Fulton Avenue; Taylor, Murphy Street.

March 31 should call to your attention quarterly report blanks. Let this serve as a polite reminder to your society that all blanks arrive on time. May I extend a hearty congratulation to all organizations for the fine work done this year. Such conscientious efforts and actual participation in the total program of the brotherhood show that we are advancing with the Master toward making his kingdom known on earth.

MONROE AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Mrs. Hannah Barnett, Reporter

Rev. C. W. Arnold, Minister

Columbus, Ohio

A Surprise Party sponsored by the Missionary Society of the church was held at the home of Mrs. Mamie Stout, on February 11, in honor of the pastor, C. W. Arnold, who observed his 35th birthday anniversary. He was the recipient of many lovely gifts and a substantial amount in cash. March 16 will mark the 27th anniversary of the church. A special program for each evening during the week. On Thursday, the 19th, a baby contest will close. Mrs. C. W. Arnold will be in charge of the contest. Plans are in the making for the entertainment of our state Youth Meet which will convene at Monroe Church, March 27-29. The Missionary Society and the young people are sparing no pains to make this meeting a success. The Missionary Society will observe the Easter Week of Prayer during the week of March 29th. We are planning a great Easter Service. The main features will be Sunrise Service followed by Breakfast and a special Easter Offering. The pastor will use as a subject Easter Sunday Morning, "Joy in the Morning" (Psalm 30:5, Matt. 28:1). The Bible School will give a play in the evening.

The choir is already showing marked improvements under the leadership of the new director, Mr. Glass and organist, Mrs. Harrison.

EASTERN MISSISSIPPI, KANSAS CITY, W. M.S.; Illinois: Chicago, J.W.S.; Indiana: Indianapolis, Second Christian; Kansas: Kansas City, Eighth Street; Topeka, Eighth Street; Tri-State Meet sponsored by the First Christian Church, Concord, N.C., March 28-30. This will be the third tri-state meeting which has been held during the last ten years. The articles written by Rev. L. L. Dickerson of Covington, Ky. and Rev. W. O. Gill were very inspiring and helpful. We read with interest the meeting of the Executive Board of National Convention. The picture showed a very intelligent group. We are very glad to know that the National Convention will go to Kansas City, Mo. Every issue of the Plea seems to get better and better. We feel that we have one of the finest editors in the United States.

Note: While Rev. L. L. Peters is absent from his church and office Mrs. V. Spencer Hairston, the Office Clerk and the excellent assistant pastor, will be in charge.

LATHROP CHRISTIAN CHURCH

J. H. Cooper, Pastor

Lathrop, Mo.

Second Christian Church had a successful year. On January 4, 1941, Elder R. Wesley Watson, Tri-State Evangelist and National President, presided over a social church meeting, at which time Elder J. H. Cooper, of 5335 Montgall, Kansas City, Mo., was called to pastor the church. Since then the church has had two Sunday Services each month and Sunday School Service each Sunday and also a good Missionary Society in operation. Elder Cooper is a business man in Kansas City, Mo., engaged at the Flat Rock Co. Prior to the Lathrop Church he served five years as pastor of the Second Christian Church of Plattsburg, Mo., and has done some field work for the Board of Christ. Elder Cooper is a progressive pastor and believes in church progress. During the year Lathrop Church has sent three delegates to the State Convention at New London, Mo.
Missionary, Sunday School and delegates all paid in full. One delegate was elected Vice-President of the State Sunday School and Church; also sent one delegate to National Convention at Nashville, Tenn. The church has also done some improvements in the line of a new rug in the pulpit and choir stand and has paid for the same. The church has no debts and pays all bills promptly. The spirit of the church is in good condition and all seem to have a great love for their pastor. One addition has been added to the church. We ask all of the Disciples to pray that we shall make this a banner year for Christ.

REv. H. E. Fowler Called to Oxford, Ohio

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

The Oxford Christian Church has called Rev. H. E. Fowler of Covington, Ky., as their pastor. Services are conducted each Lord's Day evening. For the past few months the membership have been working on a drive to purchase new pews for the church. The officials and membership have recently refinished the church floor and on March the second the new pews were placed in the church. Two years ago, during the pastorate of Rev. H. Earl Jackson, work was done toward improving the church. At that time the walls were redecorated, new rostrum railing and new indirect lighting system was installed. Also the church was presented with new pulpit chairs, communion table and seat covers for the choir. A fine new Bible was also presented. All departments of the church worked faithfully and collectively to achieve their objective. The same congenial spirit has existed throughout this last effort.

Plans have been made for dedication services for the new pews to begin next Sunday. The membership are very proud of the beauty and simplicity of their little church.

Future plans are to be made concerning painting the exterior of the church.

Dr. Willard Wickizer, Executive Secretary of Home Missions, visited Nashville, Tennessee. While in the city he held conferences with all the Disciple leaders.

NATIONAL CONVENTION GOES TO KANSAS CITY, AUGUST 17-23

A WORD TO THE CO-WORKERS OF THE BIBLE SCHOOLS

By E. W. Wilbert
736 Dennison Avenue,
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Co-Workers:

If it were possible I would visit each local school of each state, and we could sit down together and talk over the problem of your school. Since I cannot visit each of you personally, I can talk with you through the Plea.

The two major problems for holding the National Convention have been taken care of: first, the place to hold the convention has been secured (Kansas City, Missouri. The time August 17-23). Secondly, the program for the convention has been outlined.

Then what? It is up to each local superintendent, and each State President to see to it that you have a large delegation in attendance at the convention.

There is a period given for a Christian Education Conference at which any problem you might have can be presented for help. The more people you have present the more informed help you will have to work when you return home. So I am asking each local Superintendent, and each State President to stick to his or her post from now until time National Convention that the Bible Schools of the entire Brotherhood will be well represented at the Convention. By so doing, I am sure you will be well paid for your coming, by the information as well as inspiration that you will receive.

In the mean time if you have an immediate problem that you need help with right now present it through the Plea and we shall try to find a remedy for the trouble right away.

MACEDONIAN CALL

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

By Mary C. Lewis Brayboy
128 Jordon Park St.
St. Petersburg, Fla.

To the Christian Brotherhood and Readers of the Christian Plea:

I am writing in behalf of our Christian work here in St. Petersburg, Florida. This is a plea that is familiar to you all. To begin, I would like very much to tell of just a little experience that I have had recently. We are just a few in number here at the Mt. Zion Christian Church and as we meet in service from time to time, seemingly with no result, numerically speaking, some of the ladies said to me, "What are we going to do here without a leader?" It seems as if some one would come to our rescue. Why don't you write to some one since you are from one of the Christian Schools and know so many ministers of the Christian Brotherhood. If there are idle ministers in other states, why not invite one to come and assist us? I began to look through letters and magazines for individual's addresses. My first attention was drawn to a May 1941 issue of the Plea, which told of the works of so many that I know.

Before I go any further, I would like very much for you to know who I am. I am Mary C. Lewis Brayboy, and can be remembered by a number of my school mates and friends from the S.C.I. In looking through the Plea, I see the names of a number of my friends who attended school with me.

My plea is for a minister to come to St. Petersburg, Florida, who is willing to make the sacrifice. The State Convention paid Elder W. L. Strickland's fare from Miami for three months which met only one Sunday out of the month. Members grew cold and soon the membership began to fall away. With the present day inducements, members do not stick where there is no shepherd to herd them.

I hope some one will answer this by personal letters. I will appreciate personal letters from the National Worker, Mr. R. H. Peoples, and our Secretary, Mrs. Rosa Brown Grubbs, my old friend and schoolmate.

Editor's Note: Do we need a Bible College! Why don't you help us to be able to answer a call like this. It is up to you.

Norwood Christian Church

Mrs. Edna Riffe, Reporter
627 S. Williams Street
Dayton, Ohio

The past few months have been very busy. On December 7, Rev. Wilbert was accompanied by eight of his members to Lexington, Kentucky, where he preached for Elder C. H. Dickerson. On Dec. 14, Mrs. E. Winifred Owens of Winchester, Ky., was the inspiring speaker for the Woman's Day Service. She was accompanied by her husband, Elder Owens, who was our former pastor for six years. Mrs. C. E. Craggett spoke in Xenia Church at the morning service and was our speaker in the afternoon. A play in the evening climaxed the day.

The second annual State's Rally with Mrs. B. H. Johnson, Chairman, closed Dec. 14. The sum of $189.00 was realized with the Willing Work-
ers Class composed of teen-age young
people bringing in the largest amount
of $28.00. All departments are boost-
ing the building fund which totaled
$864.00 in 1941.
District No. 1 met with the Fifth
Church of Cincinnati, Sunday, Feb.
22. This meeting proved both profi-
table and enjoyable. Mrs. Nancy
France is president and Mrs. Edna
Riffe is secretary. Our last meeting
will be with the Lockland Church,
May 24.
On March 1, we worshipped with
Elder Smith of Xenia. Last Sunday
the Church Aid with Mrs. Frances
Murry as president, gave a unique
program called the Talent’s pro-
gram. $38.00 was raised in this ef-
fort. Our annual banquet is being
looked forward to with much anticici-
ation.

MY FIRST REPORT ON
BLOOMINGTON
By Mrs. A. L. Martin, President,
Illinois Women’s Work
341 E. 42nd St., Chicago, Ill.
The pages of time have rapidly
turned again and I am just reporting
on Third Church at Bloomington, Illi-
nois. I have visited them twice since
the holidays. My first visit was a
survey seeking the possibilities there.
The way looked so bright I returned
in three weeks and spent eight days.
There is fine material there but with-
out leadership. Their church proper-
ty is in fairly good condition without
a penny of debt. The parsonage is
rented.
After my last visit, the church de-
cided that they would like to get in
touch with a seven-day-a-week man
in good standing with his State Con-
vention, respected by the National
Convention and not afraid of work.
He must have a real program and a
wife of the Christian faith. There is
no objection to children.
If any one desires to get in touch
with this charge before we report
again, write to Mrs. D. S. Thomas,
206 N. Morris Avenue, Bloomington,
Illinois, or write me, 341 East 42nd
St., Chicago, Illinois.

FULTON ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Palestine, Texas
J. E. Quarles, Minister
To the many readers of the
Christian Plea:
It has been some time since you
have heard from this congregation.
For some reason we have been quiet
for the past several months. This
muteness on the part of the Fulton
St. Church has not been because we
were idle, but because we have kept
very busy trying to get to the place
where we could speak.
Beginning in February 1941, when
Bro. J. E. Quarles came to us and
began as our leader, we have had but
little time to look to the right or to
the left. As the machinery turning
out defense necessities has kept hum-
ing, so has the Fulton St. Christian
Church been on the go. He has called
the church with its auxiliaries into
actual service and results have been
forthcoming on every hand, both fi-
nancially and spiritually.
In addition to raising the dead, heal-
ing the sick, casting out devils and
doing many other wonderful things,
a gratifying number have been born
into the kingdom—the church. Sunday
March 9th, a man above forty came
forward and made the confession, and
is now waiting to be baptized. This
man was the 19th person to accept
Christ here in this church since Sep-
tember. It is true this is not as many
as some of the brethren have reported,
and yet it does show that we are alive
and on the firing line.
But lest we forget, there is another
to which we attribute much of the
success of this church, and that is
Sister Quarles, the good wife of our
pastor. It is fortunate indeed to have
these two with us. They make a fine
team, and we are proud of them. They
both give their full time to the min-
istry. They are both soul winners,
and good ones. No stone is left un-
turned by this couple.
As this letter comes to a close, let
me say to ministers everywhere,
keep the work going. We have no
time to lose. God has called the min-
ister to do a great work.
So, until the next time, Fulton St.
says good night.

FACTORs IN RACE RELA-
(Continued from Page 8)
We should so develop those qual-
ities of love, kindness, justice, peace,
and righteousness so that hatred, ra-
cial injustices, persecution and evils
of all types shall forever be blotted
from the face of the earth.
May God give us a spiritual soul
that will become the unifying force
among all races in every phase of
life and human reactions, and may
it spiritualize industry, politics, race
relations, and international affairs as
well as our religious conceptions.
P. C. WASHINGTON, President
Jarvis Christian College
Hawkins, Texas

NATIONAL CONVENTION GOES
TO KANSAS CITY, AUGUST 17-23

NATIONAL CONVENTION
PROGRAM
During the National Convention a
visit was made to the tomb of the
late Preston Taylor who was the
first president of this body. Everyone
present was somehow endowed with
a keener sense of responsibility to

carry on the spirit and the program
of this sagacious leader and other
great pioneer leaders.
We were pleased and proud to be-
hold the tomb erected by the Con-
vention and our determination grew
to establish the other memorials which
have been voted to the memory of
some of our other great leaders, name-
ly: The Henry Herod Fund for the
training of ministers, and the Patrick
Henry Moss Fund for the futherance
of religious education.
The National Program for 1942
(1) To establish a Headquarters
office.
(2) To promote program.
(3) To diligently provide an ave-
nume of ministerial training and
religious education through the
Herod Fund and the Patrick
Henry Moss Fund.
(4) To continue and diligently fur-
ther our cooperation in the
world-wide program of the c c
church through the United
Christian Missionary Society
and the Unified Promotion.

A Dollar for Each Year
Each church is asked to accept a
goal of $25.00 or more. A small church
is asked to give $25.00. This is a dol-
lar for each year of the Convention’s
life. The larger churches are asked
to give proportionately more. Some
are asked to give $50 others $75 and
Still others the sum of $100. There
are ten of our brotherhood churches
being asked to give $100. This goal
suggested is to be the goal for the
church and all of its departments. It
is expected that the Sunday School,
Missionary Society and the Young
People’s organization of each church
will give to the National Program
and this amount credited toward the
total goal of the local church.

BUDGET FOR 1942
Balance on note and interest $ 150.00
Christian Plea 500.00
National Convention Expense 300.00
Promotion (Office) 300.00
Promotion (Travel) 300.00
Secretary (Salary) 900.00
P. H. Moss Fund 1,000.00
Henry Herod Fund 1,000.00
Reserve Fund 750.00
Total Goal $5,000.00
350 Vacant Pulpits Stir Brotherhood

LETTERS COME TO PLEA OFFICE

Not one letter opposing the proposed Taylor Christian College has been received. They all express an optimism concerning the school. Several white people have written and offered help in many ways. It seems assured that definite steps will be made within a short time. It would help the committee if more churches, preachers and laymen would express themselves before the National Convention meets.

INTER-AGENCY COUNCIL FORMED

President R. Wesley Watson has about completed plans for the inter-agency council with the U. C. M. S. It would be well for the Brotherhood to study the program of the National Convention along with the conditions of the Negro brotherhood and see themselves in the light of the facts rather than to complain about representation. It would be far better to have something to represent rather than always be embittered about not being represented.

The joint executive committee is gone. The Inter-Agency council is now formed. Our president has made no announcement as to who is on it or what the program is.

It appears that the agencies of the U. C. M. S. are functioning and that the agencies of the National Convention are not functioning. Let us get behind the National Convention agencies and see that they function or get some people who can make them function.

P A Y YOUR SUBSCRIPTION NOW

The Christian Plea Needs Your Support

"WE STAND AT ARMAGEDDON, AND WE BATTLE FOR THE LORD"

350 VACANT PULPITS

6 STUDYING for the MINISTRY

DO WE NEED A BIBLE COLLEGE?

HOW MUCH IS YOUR PLEDGE?

PLEDGES COME IN FOR TAYLOR CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

What Is It All About?

In Nashville we can purchase 33 acres of land, 16 room brick house adjoining the Taylor estate. We can develop a Bible College for our Ministers and a place to train Negro women in Christian education. We need $8,500 to pay for it. As soon as we get sufficient pledges expressing your desire, we will present your wishes to our trustees. Send your pledge to the Plea Office at once.

I hereby pledge to Taylor Christian College

Amount $________

Name: _______________________

Address: ____________________

ALREADY PLEDGED

Robert Wilson—Yakima, Washington $100.00

W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor 100.00

Nashville Tennessee Friends 1000.00

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Green, St. Louis 50.00

Dr. C. H. Hamlin, N. C. 5.00

Dr. J. E. Walker—Memphis—Elder T. R. Everett—Kentucky— 5.00

Large Support.

Total to date $1,760.00

White churches—ask what we need.

What is your pledge.

NOTICE

BROTHERHOOD

Our National Work Must Go On

DID YOU OBSERVE?

First Sunday in March

National Convention Sunday

Send your dollar per member to

Dr. J. E. Walker, Treasurer

234 Hernando St.

Memphis, Tenn.
HERE AND THERE
By Elder John D. Henry, Dist. Sec'y
121 Front Street, Clayton, N. C.

The Joint Union which convened from March 27-29 was well attended. Homes were open to all. This meeting will go to the Elm Grove Church of Christ, in Pikesville, N. C., next year. Elder E. Z. Coby is the pastor of that charge. The Bible School at the Pleasant Grove Church in Fayetteville, N. C., has grown from five students to one hundred and five. At that time Brother W. A. McLawing acted as Superintendent and must be commended on his active work in the church as deacon and President of the No. 2 Bible School Convention.

We, as pastors, ministers, and officers, of the local churches are expected to be rolling into Plymouth, N. C., where the General Assembly will be in session. We have only a few days until May 19th. Don't leave home expecting to drive fast and get there on time, "Remember Pearl Harbor." Remember old tires and warm weather. We are expecting Dr. R. H. Peoples and whoever will come with him. We will be glad to have you and welcome your counsel.

We are doing nicely at the St. Stephen Church at Princeton, N. C., Elder A. B. Avcock is pastor and Brother C. L. Barnes is the Bible School Superintendent.

The church at Selma, N. C., is quite alive. Elder P. R. Inerbon is the pastor. While going on your mission visit Selma and be inspired. The new church in Dillon, S. C., is an inspiration or should be to any minister or interested church man. We call your attention to the work of Elder J. L. Lee, who while looking about he found this over-looked spot, and now in less than four years has a strong membership made up of some of the leading and outstanding citizens of Dillon, S. C., and a neat building in which to worship. We need more men like "Joe." Let us pray to God to give us such men.

Brother E. L. Battle, is ill at this writing. May we all pray for him. We need his services daily. Not only as deacon and Superintendent of the St. Peter Church at Kinston, N. C., but as General Manager of the Standard Leadership Training School of our great church.

Remember! On to Plymouth. Subscribe to the Plea.

"AN OLD TIMER"

"And thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord Shall Name." Isa. 62: 2.

"For I will show him how great things he must suffer for my Name's sake." Acts, 9:16.

"And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name," and His name through faith in his name," "And hast given Him a name above every name," "Do not they blaspheme that worthy name by which ye are called?" and hast not denied my name?

"If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but glorify God in his name," 1 Peter 4:16.

"The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous runneth into it and are safe," Prov. 18:10.

The Old Timer was born in a grand old state (they say) for nobody knows where nor when he was born; in sompeetn hundred and sompenty sompen, and reared in the righteous fear of God.

In due time not only obeyed "that form of Doctrine," but was soundly converted, being baptized in an insignificant creek, which he fought its crooked way from the jagged mountains to the silent sea.

He joined the Christian Church in the above mentioned act and for 3 score eventful years has fought under the flag.

He has been paved, frightened and amused at some strange quirks which our church has taken on. Some of our good people have become too "Dicty" to walk in the "old paths" and have even piously, or impiously changed their names, as many times as Laban changed Jacob's wages. By induction they go by some better sounding name and by abduction be
tray. "That worthy name by which we were called"— That name which the "mouth of the Lord did name." We've been running into fog and high winds and "cross the country" every passing straw. Lo here, Lo there anyway to get out. The train of that charge. The Bible School at the Pleasant Grove Church in Fay-

Some of our present so-called leaders have not been in the Christian Church long enough to "know one thing from another." Others are here for the "loaves and fishes" and doing the very best that they know how, and should be at once praised and pitied.

And there are those who, have lost the faith, and are floundering for the "loaves and fishes" and doing the very best that they know how, and

"If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but glorify God in his name," 1 Peter 4:16.

To an Old Timer, this "Disciple church" is nauseating. Moses had dis
ciples, John the Baptist, Judas, John Wesley, Aristotle, Plato, you and I have disciples. A disciple is a follower or learner. But Christ is a leader and teacher with authority and wears no man's collar. "That, in all things He might have the Pre-eminence."

To this Old Timer, there is something very pronounced and definite about the Church. If a disciple was the head of it, it might be called the "Disciples Church," but since "Christ is the head of the Church, which is his body must wear the name of its head." If my head is named John Brown, then my body cannot be named Luke Smith or Simon Soaper.

They patronizingly tell us that "one church is as good as another." But there is no other. "Other foundations can no man lay," Any other name de
thrones Christ, denies his authority, destroys his power and dams the de
dotees to the Christless Human Institution.

There is but one Baptist mentioned in the Bible. That good old wilderness preacher, John. Herod was mean enough to cut off his head. His disciples buried John's body and "went and told Jesus." And that's the last of John until he said, "I must de
crease."

Nor does the Bible know any of the "gang," from which some of our leaders came. Nor the way they would have us go. They want a program on a plane; an organization to or
ganize another organization until the name and love and works of Christ are being "lost in the fog." While he would be an iconoclast, the "Old Timer is not an Ishmaelite for he loves the brethren and our Risen Lord. I can accept a "lift," for I am tired, from the chauffeur, but only if he's going toward my number with
out too many detours and breath tak
ing speed flights—Then, let me out.

Old Timer knows where his gain started, when and where souls were converted, hearts were warmed and God was praised.

Yes, I am open minded and liberal with my own limited acquisitions and will meet all comers—whomever, regard
less, upon the above issues, and with friendship to all and I'll will to none, I'm like an old white man in the camp, who heard that others were going to run the Negro, "Bandy Tim" out of the camp that night. He crossed full height, and with sincerity in his soul and flashing fire in his eyes he spoke to the resolutioners: "You may resolute till the cows come home but here stays "Bandy Tim." "He trumped death's ace for me last
night and I ain't going back on him.”
"So help me God.” Old Timer realizing
that the longest end of the road
is behind him and that the fellow-
ship of the brethren is the spice of spiritual
life; is praying that the brother-
hood abstain from these “jerkwater
branches” and these costly detours,
and dead end alleys and pull out on
the main line, get time, “go-head
signal and first-hand orders and hit
the ball toward the great “Grand
Central.”
As you roll across the trestle
Spanning Jordan's swelling tide
You'll behold the union depot
Into which your train will glide
There you'll meet the superintendent
God the Father, God the Son.
With the hearty joyous plaudit
"Weary pilgrims, welcome home
Blessed Saviour Thou Wilt Guide Us.”
Yours till we meet.

"OLD TIMER"

ROSE PAGE WELCH Praised

A belated but much deserved praise
was given Mrs. Rosa Page Welch,
Chicago, Illinois, for her gift of song.
Mrs. Frances Dunlap Heron, a noted
writer, paints a word picture of her
attainments in the Christian Evange-
list April 2, 1942, which should be an
inspiration to all.
We congratulate Mrs. Welch on her
achievements and wish that her own
people would be half as appreciative
of her as the other group.

ELDER R. L. PETERS

Elder R. L. Peters, National Evan-
gelist of the Disciples of Christ is
conducting evangelistic services for
Lea Avenue and Gay Street Christian
churches of Nashville, Tenn. He has
attracted many people to the Disci-
ples.

PETERS CONDUCTS THREE
WEEKS EVANGELISTIC CAM-
PAIGN IN MISSISSIPPI

By Edward Griffin—Pastor

A great Pre-Easter Revival was
begun March 9th at the First Chris-
tian Church, Clarksdale, Mississippi
with our National Evangelist, Rev. R.
L. Peters in charge.
Each night the crowds grew in at-
tendance and interest. The meeting
had been planned for one week, but
people from denominational churches
requested and demanded that he stay
another week that the meeting was
carried on two weeks instead of one.
On the last night large numbers of
people came through a down pour of
rain and afterwards gave a recep-
tion.
The next day the Evangelist went
to Shaw for a week's meeting. He was
given a big reception. People from all
walks of life were present. There
were volunteer singers, and other
talents used in the meeting. From
Shaw he was scheduled for a week at
Mound Bayou and after that at Nash-
ville to the Easter Morning Memorial
Services of Preston Taylor in Green-
wood Cemetery; therefore he could
not stay as requested.
Mound Bayou meeting was a suc-
cess. This campaign had very good
results: 12 by baptism; 7 from de-
nominational churches and reclaims,
and $185.50.
We were sorry Elder Peters could
not remain longer. We are anxiously
awaiting his return.

A MINISTER'S COMMENT ON THE
CALVARY PROGRAM

405 E. High Street
Mt. Sterling, Ky.
March 18th, 1942

Prof. P. H. Peoples,
222 Downey Avenue,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

This is to inform you of the very
fact, that I feel myself unable to ex-
press to you in words, my personal
appreciation for the answer to the
question “What shall I preach?”
which question I must admit should
stir the very soul of every true min-
ister of the Gospel today.
I have used the program for the
past seven weeks, and during this
period we have had four added to
the church by confession and baptis-
ting the last two Wednesday nights.
My offering has been higher than
ever for five years, and I am deeply
concerned, myself and the church
seem well pleased with the program,
that is to say the part I was able to
use, the winter prevented me from
using the program Wednesday nights,
but I used the sermon material, “To-
ward Calvary—1942.”
I shall also use the program which
I received this week. I shall write you
again very soon with a deep sense of
gratitude.

Yours in Christ

J. E. Blair

MISS OSCEOLA DAWSON

Miss Osceola Dawson, Registrar of
West Kentucky Vocational School,
Paducah, Ky., and a member of Clay
Street Christian Church, is General
Chairman of the 67th anniversary of
the church that is being celebrated
April 12 to 19, 1942.

PROF. MERL R. EPPSE

Prof. Merl R. Eppse, Editor of
Christian Plea, delivered the anniver-
sary address at the Clay Street Chris-
tian church, Paducah, Ky., April 18.
"FOOT PRINTS ON THE SANDS OF TIME"

Prof. F. J. D. McKinney, Tenn. State College, Nashville, Tennessee

Sunday, April 5, 1942 was again Easter. The day that Jesus rolled away the stone and arose from the tomb to ascend into heaven and make a future home for mankind.

Jesus was a good man. He loved his fellow man. He loved the sinner, the wicked, the ungodly as well as the sick, the poor, and the godly. If a man was down he would help him up. If a man was sick and diseased he would make him strong and well.

Do you and you and you love your fellow man as Jesus did? I wonder! We are such poor, sick blind and stupid creatures, we are not able to see the hand writing on the wall. If we could, the world would not be in the condition it is today. In a way the civilization of 1942 is not any better than the civilization of 1542. The world has over 2000 years of culture to profit by but yet we, today, kill more people and kill them faster than ever before in the history of this universe. Jesus is not pleased with his children. We do not love our fellow man.

But, sometimes a man does come upon the scene of his life that loves and trusts his fellow man. Such a man was the late Reverend Preston Taylor.

It was fitting and proper that Mr. Preston Taylor should have been honored on Easter Sunday morning of this year by a sunrise service in Greenwood Cemetery in the city of Nashville. There were some 200 friends attending this service. Dr. J. H. Hale of Meharry Medical College served as master of ceremonies. The principal speaker was Rev. P. L. Peter of Winston-Salem, N. C., who gave a very inspiring talk on the life of the late Preston Taylor. Other persons to give fitting remarks were: Prof. M. R. Eppse of A. and I. State College and editor of the Christian Plea; Dr. H. H. Walker of Meharry; Atty. F. S. Walker and Prof. F. J. D. McKinney of A. and I. State College. It was an impressive service dedicated to a great and noble character. One who loved his fellow man in all walks of life. The Negroes of the city of Nashville, and the State of Tennessee and America lost a great Christian soul when Mr. Preston Taylor passed. May each and everyone of us continue to honor him on Easter morning hereafter.

I wish to suggest that at the next meeting of the National Convention of the Disciples of Christ it be discussed that Mr. Preston Taylor be honored every Easter by all Negro Disciple of Christ Churches throughout the United States with a sunrise service.
men who choose for themselves and that of those who have no alternatives. The involuntary separation of men from home and friends, and the resulting period of adjustment to a new environment and to new friends may become sufficient cause for acceptance of the temptation to find escape in physical or mental excesses. I do not wish to imply that all soldiers undergo major adjustment problems. Those fortified with resources drawn from wholesome home and church and other community institutions know the futility of trying to find compensations in riotous living and studiously avoid such. But these represent a small minority. Wherever they are men seek their cultural equals and the corresponding plane of living:

"And the high soul climbs the high way,
And the low soul gropes the low;
And in between, on the misty flats,
And in between, on the misty flats, and in between, on the misty flats." - William Wordsworth

The involuntary separation of church home, an invitation to participate in the worship program will be understood, appreciated, and returned by increased attendance.

2. The church cannot afford to compromise its idealism.

One of the most pathetic articles I have ever read was written by a pastor in support of the fallacy of the Bible ever justifies war as a social necessity. Fortunately, one can be patriotic without resorting to the same type of arguments that supported the institution of slavery because the Bible recognized its evils.

Most men know that man and not God is responsible for the world's ills. They either know or they are now learning that all the church has been possible because democratically-minded men could speak their religious convictions freely and without fear; and that they could worship according to the dictates of conscience. They have heard of the fate of men from whom liberties have been taken by dictators and they say as one man, "It must not happen here." The church must continue to preach its message of peace and goodwill with conviction and power. The age is too critical for anything less.

3. The church and its ministers have nothing to gain by fighting community agencies created by this emergency.

In most crises some ministers forget that their mission is neither that of a prophet of doom nor that of an optimist who sees only the good and the beautiful in everything. In the interpretation of the Word of God and in its application to the lives of men there are considerations other than a blissful heaven or a burning hell. Few men are won to the church by the attractiveness of one or the frightfulness of the other. Man is a social creature more interested in life than in death, and more interested in the life here and now than in the hereafter. His social needs are worth sympathetic and realistic consideration.

In some communities where organizations and institutions have been established as recreational centers for soldiers, unfortunate misunderstandings have arisen because of conflicting programs especially on Sundays. Since the two should compliment the other and the pastor is the one charged with going the "second mile," some prior planning and some sharing should eliminate all friction. The church has no priorities on the time that men may choose to call their own. Trying to create some might provide an interesting and profitable diversion from friction and confusion. Finally, in its ministry to men the church and its leaders should take into account all the factors which cause men to say within their hearts, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the House of the Lord." This compelling gladness is possible wherever recognition is given to the desire of men to be treated simply as men, to hear as well as see the Gospel acting upon the lives of men and communities, and to find wholesome outlets for their social impulses.

ATTENTION!

We are still awaiting reports concerning success or failure in introducing THE UNITED CHRISTIAN ADVANCE into your church. Will you drop the Brotherhood a line concerning this next month?

MONEY TURNED OVER TO THE CHRISTIAN PLEA TREASURER

For:

MARCH 1942

1. Elder D. W. Heath, 1622 Top St., Jackson, Miss. (1 sub.) ... $ 1.50
2. Rev. Calvin Campbell, 411 S. Chapin Ave., Columbia, S.C. (1 sub.) ... 1.00
3. Elder John D. Henry, 121 Front St., Clayton, N. C. (1 sub.) ... 1.00
4. Mrs. E. R. Riffe, 627 S. Williams, Dayton, Ohio (1 sub., 5 Plesas) ... 1.50
5. Mrs. N. C. Martin, Highas, Mo. (2 yr. sub.) ... 2.00
6. Mrs. M. J. Brown, 4 St. John, Montgomery, Ala. (subs.) ... 1.50
7. Mrs. A. M. Haygood, 211 10th Ave., S., Birmingham, Ala. (1 yr. sub.) ... 1.50
8. Rev. P. E. Carter, 1834 Druid, Greensboro, N. Carolina (2 yr. sub.) ... 1.00
9. Mrs. M. R. McCall, 421 S. 7th St., Paducah, Ky. (1 yr. sub.) ... 1.00
10. Mrs. William Walker, Box 176, London, KY. (1 yr. sub.) ... 1.00
11. Rev. J. D. Bowles, 2024 Denison, Little Rock, Ark. (subs.) ... 1.31
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JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Hawkins, Texas

“AROUND THE CAMPUS”

By Venita O. Carney

History

Founder’s Day was celebrated on March 28. The activities were similar to those of former years. Dr. Leo Johnston of the Oak Cliff Christian Church of Dallas, Texas, was the guest speaker for the formal program.

Religion

The church and Department of Religion have been sponsoring the Toward Calvary With Christ movement since February 16. Many high lights have marked the progress of the movement. Miss Helen E. Henry of Waco was guest speaker for the March vespers.

Religious Emphasis Week was observed from March 24 to March 27. The program of the week consisted of seminars, forums, personal interviews and vespers. The subject under discussion was: What It Means to Be a Christian in Times Like These. The subject was divided into four phases for group discussion and problem solving. To Be a Christian In Times Like These One Must:

1. Love
2. Think
3. Labor and Sacrifice
4. Have fellowship with God and Man.

Reverend R. H. Peoples of Indianapolis, Indiana and Reverend A. B. Moore of Gilmer, Texas, acted as religious advisers. Reverend Moore gave inspirational messages each evening. We were fortunate in having Miss Ellis on the campus for the first two days of Religious Emphasis Week.

The Community prayer services have been quite effective. These services were sponsored by the Missionary Society and Jarvis Church. The culmination of the series is taking place in the Easter Week of Prayer Services. The leaders for the week are as follows:

Mrs. O. H. Waters ………. Wednesday
Mrs. M. A. Mallick ……… Thursday
Reverend W. O. Gill ……… Friday
Miss V. O. Carney ……… Easter Sunrise

Reverend W. O. Gill attended the district meeting in Waco, Texas, on March 29. He reported a very fine meeting and the renewal of contacts of Jarvis-ites.

Reverend T. B. Frost and Mr. C. A. Berry attended the district meeting in Greenville, Texas on the 29th.

Spring Nuptials

Ding, Dong, Ding, Dong. The wedding bells are breaking up that old gang of ours.

Palm Sunday witnessed the union in holy matrimony of Reverend J. J. Hawkins, pastor of the Second Christian Church of Indianapolis, Indiana and Miss Verba Lyons, of Hawkins, Texas. Mrs. Hawkins is a member of the senior class and is a candidate for graduation in May.

The marriage of Mr. Wilbur M. Payne, instructor of English, and Miss Alice M. Hilliard, librarian, will be solemnized at the home of the bride’s parents in Fort Smith, Arkansas on Easter Sunday. The couple will be at home in Woodside Cottage on the campus after the Easter vacation.

Education

On April 11, Jarvis Christian College will entertain the high school seniors within northeast Texas. The visitors will tour the campus, visit classrooms, and participate in some of the extra curricular activities.

Health

Dr. M. L. Edwards will sponsor Health Week activities from April 5 to April 11. His programs are considered some of the most outstanding during the year, for much valuable information is given, and everyone is made health conscious, especially when many are prone to forget some health.

Tours

President Washington will be away from the campus from April 5 to April 22. He will spend most of his time in Indianapolis, Indiana in conference with the Home Planning Council of the United Christian Missionary Society and the Board of Trustees. He will join the singers in Little Rock Arkansas on April 18 and return home with them.

Mrs. O. S. Barker and the Jarvis Singers will render programs in Little Rock, Arkansas and Hot Springs, Arkansas on April 18, 19, and 20. A program will be rendered by this group at the state convention of White Disciples in Houston on April 14. As they return to Jarvis, they will stop in Palestine, Texas and render a program on the evening of the 14th. They will also stop by Camp Wallace to render a program for the soldiers.

Conscriptees

Many current Jarvis students and ex-Jarvis students have gone to camp country in this crisis. Students who were called this semester are: Lawrence Hutchinson, J. W. Johnson, Jau-nita Johnson, Walter Ebo, Ike Dean, J. W. Jackson and Ernest Randall. Some of the ex-Jarvis students who are already in the army and navy are: Adrian Olivier (last heard from in Ireland), Paul and Timothy Cotton, Loyce Lusk, George Hays, Jerry Smoot, J. D. Hays, and Theodore Douglas.

Civic—Professional Interests

The faculties of Jarvis, Hawkins, and schools within a radius of twenty-five miles of Hawkins are making an attempt to organize for the purpose of professional stimulation and providing of a wholesome social outlet for the group. It is hoped that his organization will serve the respective communities beneficially as well as meet the social and professional needs of the group.

A Sunday afternoon forum and musicale in the interest of the N. A. C. P. will be held in the Mary E. Ervin Chapel at 3:30 p. m., on Sunday, April 5.

MT. BEULAH COLLEGE CLUB

Chicago Chapter

Mrs. Lesly Clark, Reporter

4119 Prairie Ave., Chicago, Illinois

A very elaborate Easter Program honoring attorney N. S. Taylor and Mr. Murphy Jones, two of the oldest former students of S. C. I., had to be cancelled because of the continued serious illness of Atty Taylor.

Miss Carnella Jamison represented Mr. Taylor at our club meeting and relayed to us greetings and appreciation. Mr. Taylor reemphasized the need for us as representatives of S. C. I. to continue to pursue higher education.

Mr. Murphy Jones, well known by anyone who ever attended school at S. C. I., made a very interesting talk about our Alma Mater.

Our new project for the next few months is a Popularity Contest. Prizes are to be awarded in Defense Stamps. The contest will close July 4th at which time Mr. Taylor Officers for the new year will take place. This is going to be a very outstanding affair.

We are very proud of our new club paper which was mailed to us April 3rd. We appreciate the untiring efforts of our editors: Mr. F. D. Perkins, Miss Ophelia Caston and Mr. Richard Anthony.
ACTIVITIES OF THE BROTHERHOOD

MISSISSIPPI BOULEVARD CHRISTIAN CHURCH—MARCH 8, 1942

FOllOWING FOR THE RALLY NATIONAL CONVENTION

L. L. DICKINSON REPORTS

Editor of the Plea:

On March 14, 1942, I returned home from a two weeks meeting in Hagerstown, Md., and a brief visit to Baltimore City. It was a great pleasure to work with my good friend, Elder "Baltimore" Taylor, vice president of our national convention, Brother and Sister Taylor and the good people of Hagerstown and Baltimore. The people of each of these cities are very cooperative. The Emanuel Christian Church of Baltimore gave a Banquet in my honor on March 6, 1942, and we had large gatherings every night of the meeting in Hagerstown.

I also had the pleasure of a brief visit with Elder Whitfield of Mt. Olivet Church. I returned to Robbin St. Church in Covington the third Sunday in March. This was the second rally day in Covington since September, the amount raised was $237.00. Our Big Rally comes in June.

Kentucky goes forward on the fifth Sunday afternoon in March. Fifty-one local church officials met in Midway, Ky., where Elder R. T. Everette is pastor. This was our first All-State Elders and Deacons Meeting. It was pastor. This was our first All-State.

May I remind all delegates to the Kansas City Convention that the registration this year is $7.60. This includes everything: Board, Room, Bulletins, Program, and Enrollment Fee. The Convention voted last year in Nashville to collect all this at one time from everybody. We hope there won't be any misunderstanding on this point.

Yours for a great "Plea" and a great convention.

L. L. DICKINSON
National Convention Secretary

BATTERY F 2ND BN. 99TH COAST ARTILLERY (AA) CAMP DAVIS, N. C.

March 25, 1942

To The Editor “The Christian Plea”:
This is the second in a series of “A Soldier Speaks.”

To the vast number of friends I know of the Disciple World it is my happy and rare privilege to gratulate you, for your unity of a christian world. You yet have a huge task before you, it is your thoughts; your faith; and works upon which the huge task will be attained. From all indications of the past records of your works among your fellowmen, there is not a single doubt in the minds of straightforward individuals to question its validity. Today you may be the happiest person that lives, then before that day passes you might meet with some tragic contingent which besets all your happiness. Then the question of what to do in a case like that arises! All kind of tangible thoughts present themselves to you. But the human beings of the modern world are equipped with the faculties of thinking to overcome these queer feelings by directing their chains of thoughts into channels of ever-living God-like qualities.

May I bring to the minds of all who might read this column “Three Ancient Philosophies of Life”. “What is mine is mine I will keep it;” “What is thine I will take it;” “What is mine is thine I will share it.” Every human being possesses one of these philosophies. The setting of this ancient philosophy had its beginnings at the foothill of a mountain in Ancient Greece. There at the foot of a mountain path went a beautiful woman, a woman who had all the wealth to sustain a family of perhaps six the rest of their life. So one day this wealthy young lady was making her usual tour to her garden on one of the mountain’s side. On her way that day she was stricken with a stroke, there she lay helpless with all her wealth in a basket and jewels all about her. A few hours later three travelers journeyed along following her path, instantly they came to the point at intivals where she lay. Each one of the travelers possessed one of the above philosophies of life. These travelers traveled at two or three hours intervals apart. The first traveler had this philosophy “What is mine is mine I will keep it,” after he had viewed her he went his way. The second came, he had this philosophy of life. “What is thine is mine I will keep it.” He took what she had in wealth and jewels and went his way. Then the third came with this philosophy of life—A God-philosophy of life. “What is mine is thine, I will share it.” This third man who with his God-like qualities, his strength, his humane spirit and a feeling for his fellow-humans this he gave to the helpless woman in the spirit of a kind father. Fellow Christians would you be like the first, second, or third traveler. The third traveler’s Philosophy is like unto the philosophy of the Christian World in its sharing of World-wide tidings among its fellowmen and the world. Your task today is my task, your burdens are my burdens, your faith is just as mine, and your Church and your God is my God. Let us take of the fruits of the third traveler and live an abundant life among our fellowmen. With this in mind your task can be attained. Along the highways of life watch for signs of God just as we read billboards along the highways and watch for traffic signals. May I challenge you, Christians with the spirit of the third traveler’s philosophy of life. For there is a highway and a low way, the high soul climbs the highway the low soul the low way, but in between misty flats the rest go to and fro. But each man decides the way his soul must go.

My Fellow Disciples both far and near may your Easter be the Pass-over without an end.

Yours in the Ecstasy of God,

James Leon Killingsworth

SOPERTON, GA.

By Lillian Harvey

The Middle Georgia District was held at McClendon Grove Church on March 28th and 29th with Rev. Williams of Atlanta, Ga., presiding. Our attendance was very small, only two churches represented,—Bethesda Church near Ocone, Ga., and McClendon Grove Church. Elder Milton Mitchell was our only visitor.

Our discussion on Saturday was led by Elder D. D. Davis of Caldwell, Ga. He wants to know what was our objective for the meeting, and whether. So it was agreed on by the body that the money be used for Evangelist work, to help provide for a pastor for the churches that did not have one.

On Sunday, Rev. Williams preached a sermon, and a lifetime offering was taken after which we had communion. Then Rev. Williams appointed himself Evangelist and said they agreed...
to give him all the money which he took and it left great dissatisfaction among the members. I would appreciate some sister or brother to write into the Plea what the word Evangelist means for the benefit of those who seem not to know. And we are asking all the churches to pray for us that by the help of the good Lord we won't be discouraged.

NOTES FROM THE OLD ASPARAGUS BED

By A. D. Gault

Route 2, Mayslick, Kentucky

As the month of March went marching on so went the Mayslick church, had good attendance throughout the month. March 1, our pastor, Rev. E. B. Toles, in the morning, brought a message, the subject, Christ and his chairman.

March 8th, the monthly board meeting was called by the chairman, A. D. Gault. Plans were made to paint the church roof. March 15, Rev. Toles brought a sermon on Witnessing for Christ. March 21st, I attended a Youth Meet of District Six at North Middletown. Miss Mary Butler and the good folks of North Middleton really did a splendid job. The meeting was a success and was well attended. While attending this meeting I helped plan a program for the State Convention.

March 29th, V. B. Hotz, and A. D. Gault attended a very fine officers conference in Midway. Sunset Harmonizers Quartet of the Robin St. Church in Covington sang at the church in the afternoon. They were liked by all and are to sing at Mayslick Baptist Church on April 16th.

On March 29th I visited the Midway Bible School. It is doing a very fine job with Miss Nettie Prentiss as Superintendent. They are planning to have daily vacation Bible School and are very much interested in the Youth Conference.

A GREAT CONFERENCE AT MIDWAY

A. D. GAULT, Reporter
Route 2, Mayslick, Ky.

Rev. L. L. Dickerson, president of the Kentucky State Convention called a conference of church officers from the state at Midway, March 29th. There were 82 officers from 12 churches. They were from the following churches: Little Rock, Paris, North Middletown, Mt. Sterling, Middlesburg, Midway, Covington, Mayslick, Louisville Hill St., Carlisle, Winchester and Danville.

Four short addresses were followed by a discussion of the topic conducted by the speaker. The following is a summary of the program.

The Layman’s Responsibility of the Local Program by Mr. B. H. Hall of North Middletown.

The Layman’s Responsibility of the State Program by A. D. Gault of Mayslick.

The Layman’s Responsibility to the Minister by Mr. Torey of Danville and The Layman’s Responsibility to the National Program by Prof. J. E. Bean of Mt. Sterling. The meeting was of much help to the officers and many of them learned about programs which made them decide to go back home and do more for the total work.

Many were in favor of having a meeting of this kind every fifth Sunday. Rev. Everett and the good people of Midway were very cordial. As a result of this meeting, I’m sure our work will improve in the future.

MISSISSIPPI BLVD. CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Miss Katherine Gilliam, 1533 Brittain Street.

World Fellowship Meet

To the young people and leaders:
The Tennessee and Arkansas Youth Meet will hold the week-end of May 15-17. At the Mississippi Blvd. Christian Church—Miss. Blvd. and Stephens Place, Memphis, Tenn. Please don’t forget to send your delegates to represent your church. Those who plan to be in attendance please contact Mrs. Ira A. Gentry, Jr., Registrar—625 Ave., Memphis, Tennessee or Mrs. Mildred S. Riley.

REPORTING FOR OLE KENTUCKY

Mrs. I. H. Moore


On March 20-22-District No. 6 conducted its youth meet in Middletown, it was well attended. The young men and young ladies seemed to be almost in a contest, both were present in appreciative numbers.

The banquet was held in the U. B. A. Hall, the decoration was beautifully done by the Y. P. of N. Middletown. The Group Discussions were interesting and the summary of the Y. P.’s brought out some very fine points.

Mrs. Emily Robinson of Paris sent us 9 of her youth to enjoy this grand fellowship. There were forty youth registered and thirteen adults; not counting all those attending from the community.

Amount taken in was $19.70; Expenses $14.07; $5.63 in treasury for the next youth meet.

Miss Julia Flowers, Mrs. Edith Bristoe, and Elder L. L. Dickerson and Brother A. D. Gault were there helping to promote this splendid affair.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Clarksdale, Miss.

Berthella M. Watts

532 Paul Edward Ave., Clarksdale, Mississippi

The Spring Revival at the First Christian Church in Clarksdale closed with what may be called a wonderful success. Several persons reclaimed Christ after hearing Scriptures explained and the gospel well preached by our National Evangelist, Elder R. L. Peters from Winston Salem, N. C.

The Doctrine of the Christian Church was well explained and the meetings were fully attended each night by our members and by the many visitors all over our city. Elder Peters was with us two weeks and his name still rings in our ears in the form of compliments of him from our various friends who heard him. He was really at his best.

Some of the outstanding sermons which he so fully explained were:

Come See a Man; Church on the Firing Line; Why I Am a Christian; River of Jordan; Spiritual Survey; Dry Bones; Chunks In the Wheels and The Judgment.

All moneys raised during the revival amounted to $101.62.

YOUNGSTOWN CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Elder F. T. Barnett, Pastor
W. J. Ayers, Reporting Sec., Box 446 Youngstown, Ohio

The Youngstown Church has been saddened by the sudden death of Mrs. Mozella Jones, daughter of elder John Keys. Always a willing worker, Sister Jones never complained about her duties in the church. The absence has been felt. Sister Alice Callens was called to Johnson City, Tennessee, when one of her sisters passed away, and Elder Stephen Coleman also has lost his mother. The church as a whole sympathized with these bereaved families.

We have inaugurated or rather included in our church program a committee on education. It is a novelty for this church—in that it has never been tried before. Together with outlining the education program for the growth of the church this committee will be responsible: (1) for contacting
every non-attending member and family so that they feel their responsibilities by attending Bible School as well as the regular church services, (2) children in homes not attending any Bible Schools should be contacted NOW! and trained to attend Bible School regularly.

Curtis Haynes has returned from attending a Youth Meet in Columbus, Ohio.

You have heard of “a wheel in a wheel” here in Youngstown we have a sextet in a choir. You’ll hear more of this choir and sextet later. Brother George Campbell and his wife visited us Easter. Brother Campbell delivered the morning message and emphasized that, “among the early Christians, the followers of Christ knew nothing nor cared anything about Easter. They did emphasize the FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK AND THE COMMUNION. More church people are following what is not in the Bible than there are people following what is in the Bible.”

INDIANA AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

4413 Indiana Avenue
Alma P. Cummings
4109 Prairie Ave., Chicago, Illinois

The Lenten Season was observed with one hour service each Wednesday was “Youth’s Day.” Mr. Phillip, a student at the Chicago University Divinity House was guest speaker.

Easter Week of Prayer was observed three evenings, meeting jointly one evening with the South Side Christian Church.

On Good Friday night at 8:15, the Senior Choir under the direction of Mrs. Goldie Guy Martin presented the Sacred Cantata, “Olivet to Calvary,” by Maunder. Marion Kay—Tenor, Herman Billingsley—Baritone, and Ione Trice—Soprano were guest artists. Members of the choir that had special parts were Elizabeth Pickard, Ophelia Clark, Leroy Loadholt, and Calvin Grubbs.

The Church School held their Easter Program on Sunday at 5:00 p.m., one representative from each class gave some phase of missionary work done in America. Largest attendance and offering for several years was one of the notable features of this program. Miss Jamison gave some very encouraging remarks at the close of the Service.

Mr. J. H. Kittrell, Director of the Gospel Chorus presented their first Quarterly Musical on Palm Sunday. Mrs. Evelyn Smith Lawson, Directress.

Regretfully we wish to announce the passing of two of our older and loyal members, Sister Hattie Wilson, and Brother H. S. Farmer.

CLARK STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Elder F. C. Carey, Pastor
Mrs. N. T. Fudgen, Reporter
Box 67, Greenville, Texas

Convening with the Clark St. Christian Church, March 28-31, the Third District Meeting was held with the following delegates representing Casson. Mrs. Ernestine White, Jarvis College; Professor Berry and Elder T. B. Frost, Paris; Elder Lyons and wife; Sisters Ora Nelson, Sister George Nelson and others.

The meeting was a success. Amount raised was $40.00. There were two additions to the church, one reclaimed, and one baptized.

The brothers and sisters are in a friendly rivalry drive to liquidate the church debt, third Sunday, April 19, 1942.

The “Aid” under the leadership of Sister Emma Griffin is doing a fine job of home work. They succeeded in papering the pastor’s study.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Sister Mariah Fleming, a staunch worker of the Shady Grove Church, Casson, Texas. Her presence and pleasant smile will be missed at our conventions because she was an ardent worker for the master. One by one the chain is broken and we who are left have no time to lose.

PILGRIM’S REST CHURCH LAUNCHES ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR DRIVE

Sister J. M. Baker, 615-E. Espechind
St. E. St. Louis, Ill.

To The Christian Plea:

We, the members of the Pilgrimage Christian Church of St. E, St. Louis, Illinois, under the leadership of Elder J. M. Baker launched our drive for one hundred dollars ($100) a few weeks ago. We sponsored a chicken dinner and raised $21.40, and each member was asked to pay ten dollars in order that we might reach the goal.

A few of the members who contributed to our cause were: Elder J. M. Baker, $10.00; Bro. John Baker, Jr., $10.00; Bro. Landsey Baker, $10.00; Bro. L. C. Quinn, $1.00; Sister Dorie Taylor, $10.00; Sister J. M. Baker, $10.00; Sister Catherine Baker, $10.00; Sister Meriva Calvert, $1.00; The Phelan F. Paint Co., $8.71, and other friends, $1.00 until our goal was reached at the sum of $106.55.

We highly appreciate and thank you very much for your loyal support in the drive.

NORWOOD AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Elder E. W. Wilbert, Pastor
Edna Riffe, Reporter, 627 So. Williams St., Dayton, Ohio.

Norwood Avenue Christian Church is doing some very fine work. The Missionary was host to the three white Christian churches of the City, for a Union Fellowship meeting, March 12 which was a grand success, with nearly one hundred attending.

Elder Wilbert attended the meeting of District No. 3 March 15, in Canton, O., and reports the work moving on in great style.

On Young Adult Day March 29, they surprised us with a program, the participants consisting of the Seminary students of Wilberforce University and friends.

NORWOOD AVE., DAYTON, OHIO

Stressing the building fund, $83.00 was realized for the day. Two young men made the Good Confession, and were baptized Wednesday Eve. April 20 for two weeks with Elder R. L. Saunders of Danville, Ky., preaching. At this writing Edna Riffe remains in, recuperating from an illness of several weeks.

NASHVILLE CHURCHES ACTIVE

With Elder R. L. Peters, Reverend G. W. Gore and Elder R. C. Maloy, the Triple’ program of Kingdom Building is going forward. Elder Peters is doing a great work at Lea Avenue. Hundreds of people are attending and many have united with the church.

Rev. G. W. Gore has doubled the attendance at Gay Street and is ready to have Elder Peters to work with them two weeks.

Elder R. C. Maloy at the Alameda Avenue Christian church is cooperating nicely. He just closed his second anniversary. Large crowds and much interest was shown in his work.

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MONROE AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Rev. C. W. Arnold, Pastor
By Harry Huff—Elder-Chairman of Official Board—1435 Atcherson St.
Columbus, Ohio.

The week of March 15-22, was set aside for the observance as the 27th anniversary of the church. The several organizations of the church were in charge each night, when visiting ministers with their choirs and congregations conducted services. One feature of the affair was a Baby contest sponsored by Mrs. C. W. Arnold in which 19 babies participated. Prizes were awarded. The receipts for the week totaled $150.00.

The Easter Services were a great success under the leadership of Mrs. Bennett. On Sunday morning the Pastor preached a powerful sermon and four were added to the church. Sunday night the rites of Christian Baptism were administered.

Among the recent happenings at the church and one which has meant joy to the membership was the church announcing Self-Support from the U. C. M. S. The Deacons and Elders expressed gratitude and appreciation to the United Society for their generous and consistent support through the years. This could have been done years ago and I would like to acknowledge and compliment the persistent efforts of our pastor, Rev. Arnold for having the courage and fortitude in leading the membership to bring this to pass. Much improvement has been made in the church under his leadership. He knows how to bring things to pass. In making the church self-supporting we believe it will help future pastors as well.

ECHOES FROM THE QUEEN CITY FIFTH CHRISTIAN CHURCH

718 Kenyon Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio
S. C. Devine, Minister
Mrs. M. Tate Smith, Reporter

Easter Services, April 5th at Kenyon Ave., were services that will be long remembered by the members and friends who witnessed them.

We began with a Sunrise service at 6:00 a.m., Eastern War Time, 122 were present. Two new additions, a young man and a young woman, the young man came prepared to be baptized immediately so he along with another young man and six young women were baptized at the six o’clock service, breakfast was served by the Sunday School for only 15c. Sunday School program followed at 9:00 a.m., 104 present. 11:00 o’clock service was well attended the choir was at its best, an-}

other great message brought by our minister. Another young man united with the church and he too, came to be baptized at the close of the morning worship, the total attendance for the morning worship 377.

April 14th Elder C. E. Cragett of Cleveland, Ohio, will finish a revival here that is already started. The church as a whole seems ready at this time for a meeting.

We have an attendance campaign, using material sent out by Brother People’s “THE LIVING CHURCH.” Trying to develop membership toward church loyalty.

We are striving hard as members to make our Church a LIGHT HOUSE to the community. Our secret Service Club had an electric sign placed above the church door Fifth Christian in blue and white letters.

TO DELEGATES OF THE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP COUNCIL

The National Christian Youth Fellowship Planning Council will meet May 1-3 at Second Christian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana. The purpose of the council is to provide inspiration for the young people of the church and to stimulate their leaders to the end that a lasting and ideal Christian youth program might be designed.

To complement this purpose, these objectives are set forth:
1. To work out some guiding principles for building an adequate Christian youth program for your churches.
2. To work out methods and procedures.
   a. For getting the principles accepted and put into operation by various groups, such as local church, district and state program committees.
   b. For spiritualizing the activities of the youth program; that is, make them vital and meaningful.
   c. For achieving the Christian Life by setting up special groups as demonstration units.
3. To select some program emphasis and supporting material for a chieving the preceeding points.

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REV. GEORGE W. GORE, B.D.
Director of Missions, Interdenominational Ministers' Alliance; Vice-President, Nashville Inter-denominational Alliance.

To come to the altar and be ordained a minister of the Disciples of Christ, after forty years of a ripening experience of successful religious work, is the culmination of the experiences of Rev. George W. Gore.

After graduating from Walden College, Nashville, Tennessee in 1904, he was ordained a Baptist minister in Indianapolis, Indiana. After this he has pastored several churches in West Baden, Indianapolis, Kentucky, and Nashville, Tenn.

He is now the Director of Missions of the Inter-Denominational Ministers' Alliance of Nashville, Tennessee and Vice-President of the Nashville Inter-Denominational Alliance. For several years he has worked with all the Disciples Churches of Nashville. He has preached at Lea Avenue and Gay Street Christian Church at which he is pastoring now.

REV. R. L. PETERS
National Evangelist

Nashville is a better place in which to live, since Reverend R. L. Peters came to us and stayed a month. He thoroughly revived Lea Avenue Christian Church and Gay Street Christian Church. He also, developed a brotherly-love attitude with our dynamic son, Rev. R. C. Maloy.

Rev. G. W. Gore and many others united with the church. Rev. O. Zoller of Reidsville, N.C., has arrived to take hold of the work at Lea Avenue Christian Church.

Rev. Peters is now in Akron, Ohio and expects to return to Nashville soon to further help with the work. He is truly a great man.

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He is one of the original workers with the Colored Y.M.C.A. at Nashville and has done much for the Colored Soldiers who come to our city now. He continues his mission work and is welcomed to the Disciples’ fold for what he can do to help our cause. He is the father of two sons: Paul Gore, who is a principal of a High School in Tennessee and Dr. G. W. Gore, Jr., Director of Instruction, Tennessee A. and I. State College, Nashville, Tenn. Rev. R. L. Peters, our National Evangelist, ordained him May 14th at Gay Street Christian Church. The entire brotherhood welcomes him to our cause.

Dear Readers of the Christian Plea:

Our national officials have asked that we say something in behalf of the Proposed “Taylor Christian College.” I am saying with 350 vacant pulpits staring us in the face we need some place to train men and women for this great work that has been assigned for us to do. I am wondering if these ministers will take up this work in the pulpits after serving and spending six to seven years in a college. Remember we have some fine men coming out of college all the time. Such fine men as Mr. W. O. Gill of Jarvis College and Mr. J. E. Eubanks now working for the Y.M.C.A., Mr. Blackman and a few others who have left the ministry to teach school and other professions. Suppose we will try to attract and induce some of these fine people to go into the church houses. Then it will not be any need to train people, that is establish a college to train them when they are not going to preach. The colleges that we already have on hand would do the job. The reason for this is that they don’t see where they can take care of their families on $4 and $5 per week as high as the cost of living is now. We put a lot of emphasis on the minister suffering. The thing that we should do is to see that our ministry is well supported we would not only keep all of the ministers but many would come from other churches. The same book that tells us that a minister must suffer or if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed but, let him glorify God on this behalf. 1 Peter 4:16, tells us also “But if any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith and is worse than an infidel.” 1 Timothy 4:8. Now which shall we do? Shall we deny our own house or shall we go and suffer?

Our State Board here in Texas met the other day to put an evangelist on the field, which in my opinion is very much needed. But should we have a shepherd to round up the sheep and bring them into the fold and then leave them alone, What in your opinion will happen to the sheep with no shepherd left with them. We should do the first thing first. Get a shepherd to take care of the sheep to keep them from being destroyed and starved for the lack of food. It is true that the sheep must be fed or they will starve for the lack of spiritual food. Out of the 350 vacant pulpits we have, you can imagine about how many members we are loosing.

Indeed these are hard pills to swallow but they may help us. I am willing to work with any good movement our State and National officers put forth. I am as ever your Brother in Christ Jesus,

REV. DAVID L. TRUSCOTT, Pastor of the Grove Street Christian Church Houston, Texas

The Jarvis Singers render successful program at Grove Street Christian Church, April 13.

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PRESIDENT’S FIRESIDE CHAT

R. Wesley Watson
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Dear Fellow-Workers:

This comes urging each of you to plan to attend our National Convention which convenes in Kansas City, Kansas as announced in the last issue of the Plea. The church under the leadership of our Pastor, S. S. Myers, is planning to care for you in Missouri. Note that all the church is asking that you register for entertainment with $5.60, of course your enrollment fee for the convention is $2.00. We hope that you are mindful of our program as adopted in Tennessee. Our secretary is out on the field now working among the churches, we appreciate the very fine way in which she is being received. We are asking all the churches that have not reported for the first Sunday in March to please let Dr. Walker hear from you. Father’s Day in June will again call for our churches to respond on the $1.00 per member. Act for the program of the National Convention.

We must make this convention of planning and Prayer, if we can get our machinery well oiled there will be no trouble to get the wheels to move in the right direction. The Ministry, we do not have one minister that can permit to remain idle and I am asking each church without a pastor to make every effort to call one. The Cause of Christ is bigger than any of us, and we must plan our church in the Name of Him who died for the church. Let us crucify self and let Christ’s church go forward. Forget personal likes and dislikes.

I will be happy to receive any suggestions for the making of our work for the National Convention. Feel free to write me.

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CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP
REFLECTIONS
by Miss Julia Flowers

"Give us this day—a vital religion"

Thus did the members of the Christian Youth Fellowship Planning Council state their desire for a guiding and effective strategy to be used in Christian practice.

It is well worth noting that Christian young people representing an important cross-section of active churches, have seized a cognizance of the importance of a workable philosophy, and effective strategy to be used in present in the minds of men. From the opening phrase of the theme: “Give us this day...”, one is immediately led to visualize the desire of Christian youth to receive the spiritual energy necessary for working effectively today.

In making plans for the program, the committees kept ever before them the general theme of the Meet. Youth Advances with Christ as well as the prayer theme—Give us this day, a vital religion. Continuing the idea of fellowship even in play, the entire group filled the spacious home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Peoples for a period of socialization, making for a well-rounded life, spiritually, physically and socially.

Sunday morning the final reports from discussion groups and the winding up of the business of the Council brought to mind the familiar strands of the lovable old tune “Shall Auld Acquaintance Be Forgot,” as we were aware that soon we must part. The message of the morning was brought by the Reverend W. O. Gill, head of the Department of Religion of Jarvis College, Hawkins, Texas. His message brought our minds and attention back to the general theme of the Council—Youth Advances With Christ.

The Closing Friendship Circle seemed to be the crux of the meeting. The atmosphere seemed to have been permeated with expectancy. These young people had come from their several homes with anticipation in their hearts... Messages of inspiration had challenged them to bigger and better things. Then came the triumphant climax. The young artist, Gorhea Offutt of Indianapolis, who had carried out the themes to be used throughout the meeting in her painting of two very fine posters—gave an interpretation of one, “Give us this day...”, the interpretation was a message, a spiritual message in art from the minds of youth, served as the guiding light, the ray of hope which was to remove the veil of darkness, any shadow of doubt from the minds of youth, and invited the members of the C.Y.F. Council to come forward and dedicate their lives to helping themselves and others to realize their duties to share this in this crusade for a religion that is truly meaningful.

The Bible was not relegated to the background. "We must put the Bible on our reading lists as a MUST BOOK," said J. B. Eubanks. Youth did not deny that one "must be born again." "Unless you are alive," said Miss C. L. Jamison, "you have no excuse for living." Youth was not seeking compromise measures with secular movements: "Our program must remain Christian and not attempt to compete with worldly institutions," said Professor W. W. Gill. "The Christ Way is the only salvation," said J. R. Johnson. (Mr. Johnson was a Methodist minister.)

These were not merely voices crying aloud in the wilderness. These men were speaking the common aspirations of all progressive Christians, present and everywhere.

The occasion was climax by the Closing Friendship Circle. Then as youths stepped forward to light a candle and place it on the Cross as a symbol of the re-dedication of their lives to helping themselves and others to realize a more vital religion, the words of R. H. Peoples fell like an everlasting brand on every throbbing heart: "Remember," he said, "it costs something."
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FOOTPRINTS ON THE SANDS OF TIME
by F. J. D. McKinney

Do we need a Bible College? Do we need a Bible college to train the Negro youth for the Christian work of the Disciples of Christ? YES! We do, without a reason of a doubt.

We need a Bible college for two reasons. First, the world is in a condition today that requires and demands the services of the Christian men and women. The young men and women that are to help win this war and the war that is to win another that is much more important than a material war, which is the spiritual war, must be "dyed in the wool," Christian workers and ministers. This spiritual war which is ever present must be won by Christianity before we can erase material wars from the face of this universe. The young Negro Disciples trained at a Disciple Bible College can be among the Christian warriors to help win this battle against evil and greed.

The second reason for a Disciple Bible College is that your church and my church right today has 350 vacant pulpits. We as a church are standing at the crossroads. Shall we turn back and be a failure in the eyes of our Lord, or shall we battle for the works and teachings of our Lord?

At present there are only six Disciples studying for the ministry, yet there are 350 vacant pulpits. Pulpits and Christian souls crying for someone to preach the word of God. Again, I ask, do we need a Bible college? The answer is an emphatic YES!

In the city of Nashville, Tennessee, "The Athens of the South," we can purchase 33 acres of land and a sixteen-room brick house. With this land and this house we could start and develop into a fine Disciple Bible College. The cost is small, when we remember that it is for the teachings of the Bible, only $8,500.

Send your pledge today to the Plea Office, whether it be large or small every little helps. Let it not be said that you and you and you shirked your duty in not helping to train ministers to fill vacant pulpits to preach the word of God.

CARNELLA JAMISON'S COLUMN
by Miss Julia Flowers

Signs of spring are most evident in God's out-of-doors. Just now, I can hear the sweet thrilling songs of birds who have migrated to this section of the country to greet the dawn of a new era. Trees are spreading their leafy arms to shelter exposed heads from the most warm rays of the sun. Lovely, fragrant blossoms of tulips, jonquils, crocuses and roses protrude their bright heads above the rims of green buds; the pitter-patter of rain drops from the Heavens call the little wiggly worms out of the earth. Even the happy laughter of boys and girls, dancing with glee in the glorious sunshine signal the approach of spring and balmy days. Peck's little bad boy who would rather play hooky from school and spend hours down at the creek—fishing with bare feet cooling in the toad-fested waters. Thus has Mother Nature prepared her children to signal to all the fast and inevitable approach of spring.

June 30! What are the evident signs in our brotherhood world of the fast approach of this date that marks the close of the Missionary year of 1941-42. What are you doing to call to the attention of the members of your group to the vast importance placed upon our missionary spirit for this year.

You have strengthened your faith in the cause of the Master by accepting as your earnest endeavor certain aims, certain goals that you intend to reach for this year. You have shown by your sacrifice of time, talent, and money that you wish that Jesus Christ may be taught, preached, and exemplified in our daily lives.

You have proved that you want a religion that is a vital one—you want Jesus of Nazareth to be alive in you.

A large number of our missionary groups have done a fine job in the years gone by toward supporting the total missionary program. Report blanks of your work through the year are coming in in large quantities. But even our best is not sufficient to meet the increasing demands facing our Christian brotherhood today.

The presence of Jesus needs to be evident in every walk of life. We are facing today the great task of maintaining work that has been established. There is a pressing demand for a unity of purpose and a unity of effort to meet the present world needs.

People are turning more and more to the Church to make right for them the peace and contentment, the rest of soul and body that is not found in a world divided by selfishness and greed—by man's lust for power.

The time has long been with us when the entire efforts of our brotherhood are needed—all departments in our organizations need to meet their goals—even pass them wherever possible by the end of the year, June 30, 1942.

The cost of living is rising for all of us. Urgent needs are pressing us on all sides. Frequent reports from every field remind us of the situation faced by our missionaries and their families. In many cases malnutrition—or worse yet—starvation, actual starvation is the fate of our native
workers. A recent communication from China gives us a glance at the situation that also might speak quite truthfully of conditions elsewhere in Africa, India, Puerto Rico and other sections where field work continues to strive. Let us take a look at some of the figures:

1 ton coal, Chinese $850, U.S. $50.
1 qt. milk, Chinese $6, U.S. 35c.
1 lb. sugar, Chinese 3.50, U.S. 21c.
1 lb. flour, Chinese 4, U.S. 24c.
1 lb. baking powder, Chinese $76, U.S. $4.60.
1 lb. meat, Chinese $5.80, U.S. 34c.
1 glass orange juice, Chinese $3-$4, U.S. 20c-25c.
1 egg, Chinese 85c, U.S. 5c.
Palmolive soap, made in China, Chinese $9, U.S. 5c.

Many things that have formerly been considered as necessities now come under the heading of luxuries that are unobtainable. A pair of men's shoes in China cost from $290.00 to $600.00 as against the U.S. of from $12.00 to $35.00. The $600.00 ones are hardly worth bringing home. This gives us briefly, the living costs have risen 20 per cent. Relief is needed both at home and abroad. Thus our giving in our churches and organizations of the brotherhood must not only come up to that of last year, but must be increased so as to help meet the problem of living. If the church is to serve as a haven of rest for fatigued, war torn, weary souls—then we must walk closer with the lowly man of Nazareth daily. Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life.” His way is the only way.

Sunday, June 21 is being set aside for services of prayer and consecration in honor of our missionaries in the occupied war zones, in order that we might pay tribute to the seventeen workers, whose names may be secured from the United Society. You can help to make this a great day of much significance in the spiritual uplift of the Church, as we “Write their names in shining letters.”

“God—let me be aware. Stab my soul fiercely with other’s pain. Let me walk seeing horror and stain. Let my hands, groping, find another’s hands. Give me a heart that divines, understands. Give me the courage, wounded to fight, flood me with knowledge, drench me in light. Please, keep me eager just to do my share. God—let me be aware...”

MINISTER’S COMMENTS

R. H. Peoples

I received both packages of material but I am not using them. My work here does not call for it. As I find it. The themes are good where you have an organized group that will cooperate, and will read, but the Churches I have served, and am serving have always been on the decline of older order. I can not get enough adults interested in the work to get Sunday School teachers, no C. E. leaders at all, so I am just playing my last part trying to save this property. We are not going to get very far in retrieving our situation until we get more persons willing to work in the trenches.

I received both packets of the material from you all and I have found it to be very helpful. It is true that I can not use the entire sermon as it is written and it may not have been your intention that we do so. I am asking that you continue to send such literature as you think that would be helpful in this work. Our problems are not the same everywhere. You may be able to help us more by first knowing our problems, and some of the things that we are having to undergo in the church. It seems that we have Elders in the church, that is, local Elders who serve at the tables and who think that they are superior in authority to the minister of the church. I really think that something should be written in the plea or to the churches explaining this. For so long as we have this in the church our churches will continue to die. This is a problem in many of our churches.

I don’t think that you have made a visit to our church in the last three years or since I have been pastor of this church. Quite an impression is made in the church when the State and National officers are able to pay a visit now and then.

Your package containing materials for the Easter to Pentecost Season came this morning.

First of all, I wish to thank you and others involved, for the pre-Easter materials. “Forward Calvary.” We have used some of the sermons and mid-week topics to good advantage. They filled a very definite need.
ACTIVITIES OF THE BROTHERHOOD

WHO’S WHO IN BLUEFIELD, WEST VIRGINIA

Among the sheaves brought into the Jones Street Christian Church at harvest time of 1932 was a young lady by the name of Leola Holley. Miss Holley was not of the common herd for she has played, and is yet playing a worthy role in various and sundry activities of the church.

She has served efficiently as president of the Christian Endeavor, Secretary of the Junior Missionary Society, president of the senior choir, teacher of adult, senior and beginners class and secretary of the Bible School. She is at present secretary of the Bible School, and—believe it or not—she actually keeps records.

Miss Holley is a native of Welch, West Virginia, but came to Bluefield when she was quite young. Other members of her family are Methodist in childhood. She came to the Jones Street Church under the Pastorate of Rev. P. E. Carter, and was baptized March 19, 1933.

She is a graduate of Genoa High School and attended Bluefield State Teachers College and The Young People’s Conference at Martinsville, Virginia. She taught two years in the Bluefield Nursery School.

Some two years ago she was married to Gilbert F. Dodson, an enterprising carpenter and mechanic.

Mrs. Dodson is loyal, energetic, congenial, and characterized by personality, initiative and dispatch.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION

EVANGELISTIC PROGRAM

By I. Q. Hurdle, President

To World-wide Brotherhood-Disciples of Christ, “Greetings”:

“The morning cometh,” “Our holy and beautiful house, where our fathers praised Thee, is burned up with fire: and all our pleasant things are laid waste.” (Isa. 64:11). Can this be truthfully said of our brotherhood? “Yes”; “No”; erase one. Will it be said? “Yes”; “No”; erase one. Why should it not be said? Because (Fill this blank)

Are your answers correct? Are you sure? Questions like these, face our pulpits and our pews today. They also face us in our homes. The calamities that are now before us, can be eliminated, if we live close enough to God. If we do live close enough to him, he will protect us during such perilous times as these. If we love God, we will hate evil. We can not serve God and Mammon. If mankind everywhere would practice the art of loving God, there would be more love for humanity.

Young people, “Go to church.” “Take part in all Christian Character-Building Activities.” Adults, “Do the same thing.” “Cheer and encourage our ministers; work in harmony with the church program.” Our older ministers are bruised and scarred in the struggle to carry on the work of the church. Our young men who have courage, will continue the fight for Christian supremacy in the field of religion, if the congregations will continue to sing, pray and PAY. Every member of every church group can respond, even though the response may be small. If you do your best, that is all that is required of you. Please do not fail to answer when the Church calls. The Church will not fail to help you.

In Texas, our District Evangelists have done excellent work. They have kept the home fires burning, this year. They have covered the field and accomplished great success. Still, we want to do more. Each Evangelist is held responsible for the prevailing conditions in his or her district.

Our State Evangelist, Rev. H. C. Poston, is now stationed in San Antonio, Texas. We are hoping to establish the work more fully in this part of the State. A word of cheer will help Dr. Poston considerably. Address him, care 1500 Paso Hondo, San Antonio, Texas.

We close this message with a hope that you will meet us at Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, August 5-9, 1942, in our Sixty-first Annual Session of the Texas Christian Missionary Convention.

I. Q. HURDLE,
1416 E. 12 Street,
Austin, Texas

ELDER P. G. BURT
Zebulon, N. C.

It is encouraging to know that Elder P. G. Burt, of Zebulon, N. C., after many year of Consecration and prayer, is ready to go any place and at any time to hold revivals. It is hoped that the Brotherhood will use him steadily.

Your subscription to the Christian Plea is falling due—Why not mail your dollar today. We have to pay as we go.

Christian Plea Secretaries please send your reports at once to the Plea Office.

The expenses of the National Convention is $7.60. This includes Room, Board, Registration. The convention meets in Kansas City, Missouri, August 17-23.

FOUR WEEKS EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN IN NASHVILLE, TENN.

On Easter Sunday Morning, April 5th, at an early hour, a large crowd assembled in Greenwood Cemetery to commemorate those whose remains lay beneath the clay.

At the tomb of the late Preston Taylor, stood two young women, robbed in white, representing the angels at the tomb of Jesus Christ on the morning of the resurrection. A fine program was rendered, with Dr. J. H.
Hale as Master of Ceremonies, who seemed to have been at his best. The program was made up of the best literary and musical talent in Nashville.

Mrs. Preston Taylor, widow of the late Preston Taylor was present, but owing to illness, remained in her car, and sat there throughout the entire ceremony. Men and women of all walks of life, representing every profession, down to the common laborer, and sat there.

The Churches of Christ (Christians) in America, delivered the memorial address. He was introduced by Prof. Merle R. Eppse of A. and I. State College. Elder Peters' message was brief, impressive and inspiring. The day was an ideal spring day, warm, clear and beautiful. Breakfast was served in the Taylor Mansion for distinguished guests and friends.

The revival began at Lea Avenue Christian Church at 11:00 a.m. The Evangelist chose for his subject, "Proof of the Resurrection." It was a powerful message. The meeting grew in interest and numbers from start to finish, and resulted in two by baptism and three otherwise. Dr. Merle R. Eppse and family were present during the services. Dr. Eppse was a great help in promoting the attendance. At times he would bring fifteen and twenty visitors to the services, and he was instrumental in causing a man and wife to unite with the church. The meeting closed with all expenses paid in full. Mrs. Preston Taylor, like her late husband, sees to it that the church is run on a strict business basis. There is business in Kingdom-building. This church has some key men and women: Elder Cor- tham, Deacon Frank White, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Chandler, Jr., Mrs. S. J. Chandler, Sr. and daughters, Mrs. Hazel Holt, Mrs. Rankin, Mr. and Mrs. Saunders and many others. Elder H. E. Braden officiated at the baptism service.

GAY STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Nashville, Tenn.
Revival ran from April 20th to May 3rd. Good crowds, great interest from start to finish. Four conferences during the meeting. Dr. R. C. Maloy, minister of Alameda Christian Church, and his members attended both meetings (Gay Street and Lea Avenue), during the revival. The result was two united with his church and were baptized. Quite a number of the Church of Christ people attended the revivals. Among the number were ministers, Elder A. C. Holt, Elder Marion Holt, Elder G. O. Thompson, Elder Reece, Elder Childs, and others. Following are some of the key men

and women of Gay St. Christian Church: Elder T. J. McLemore, Elder O. L. Hambrick, Mrs. H. E. Braden, Chas. Ross, Deacon B. F. Brown, Dr. and Elder H. E. Braden and a number of others. Elder H. E. Braden received his education at Walden University, Roger Williams University, and A. and I. State College. His wife, Mrs. Braden was educated at Pearl High School and A. and I. State College. Elder and Mrs. Braden are the type of persons who humbly strive to edify the body.

The revival was a success, spiritually, and financially; closed against the wishes of the people, with all expenses paid in full.

SETTING THINGS IN ORDER

The Evangelist found both Lea Ave. and Gay St. Churches pastorless. By request of officers and members of the churches, he rendered services as follows:

First
He found Gay St. pulpit occupied by a baptist minister. A man of a fine reputation given by all the people of Nashville and a man of wonderful influence, and splendid executive ability. We explained to him the doctrine of the New Testament and took him into the church and the members of the church chose him for pastor.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Clarksdale, Mississippi
Prof. Edward Griffin, Minister
We arrived in the city at 11:00 a.m. Sunday, March 8th, in the midst of a heavy rain storm, and were taken directly to the parsonage, where we made our headquarters and got board and lodging. The Matron, Sister Hannah Heath prepared our meals. She is a real dietitian and a Christian, made according to the New Testament pattern. Clarksdale Church has quite an influential membership, made up of the best and most loyal Christians that can be found anywhere. The official board is composed of business men of sound judgment, and know how to take care of the church.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Shaw, Mississippi
Prof. Edward Griffin, Minister
The church at Shaw is real New Testament church, and is very much alive. She holds fast to the doctrine and practice. The membership is in perfect harmony and peace. Sister E. M. Towns, a member of this church, is one of the leading business women of Shaw. She is in the mercantile business, and has the patronage of the people of the city, both white and colored. Her home is headquarters for preachers and Missionary Work- ers of the church. The men on the official staff are a fine set of Chris- tians, working in full cooperation with the minister.

Notwithstanding the heavy rain storms, and the short time we had to run the meeting, (just one week), it was a fine success, and something occurred during the meeting that was very apostolic. A young woman, teacher in the high school, attended the service. Her home was one hundred miles from Shaw. She was a member of the Methodist Church, and was converted in this revival to Christian Baptism, according to John 3:5, Acts 8:37-38, and like the Ethiopian eunich, went on back to her home—not one thousand but one hundred miles, telling of her having gone down into the water and put on Christ by baptism.

A SPECIAL REQUEST
I am asking all ministers and secretaries of all churches throughout the Brotherhood to send in a report each month to this column of all new members added to the church. If there be a churchless pastor wanting a church, or a pastorless church wanting a pastor, write to this column, and you will be supplied. We pretty well know the field and the men and it may be that we can help you.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Mound Bayou, Miss.
Prof. Edward Griffin, Minister
The Church at Mound Bayou is making splendid progress, along all lines. The membership has in it men and women of the most progressive
Dear Co-Worker:

As we look at our churches today, we realize that we need not only to train our children but most of all, to reach out to them. The need is greater than ever before.

We have had some encouraging reports from some of our children missionary organizations and yet, there are others and there should be others, if we are to keep alive the missionary endeavors. Mrs. J. N. Kirkpatrick, our national president, recommended that each member of the local churches give the small sum of ten cents, so that a paid children worker might be put on the field. If this is achieved with the national appointment of $2 from each Children’s Missionary Organization, certainly this would make a good start.

May I close by dedicating this poem.

TO MOTHERS OF THE BOYS AND GIRLS’ MISSIONARY ORGANIZATION

Let us reach out to Mother
Who's love is warm and true,
And give to her the best we have
In all that we can do.

1. May we reach out and help her
In the little things we can do.
For if you help your mother
She certainly will help you.

2. Don’t disappoint and fail her
Nor fill her heart with fear.
For mothers are the truest
Friends, you’ll find anywhere.

3. Reaching out for mothers
Is needed more and more;
Do all you can to help them
As on your way you go.

4. Reaching out for Mother
With love their burdens share,
And you may plant the seed of love
The world needs to share.

5. Bro. Sercy finds time to serve
Chickasha, Boley, Rusk and Clearview.
He is to preach the Baccalaureate sermon at Chandler, Okla. We have no church there and this may be our opportunity. Brother William Hazel and Sister Martha Ellis passed. They were both faithful Christians.

We are to do our bit for the church during this World crisis. The community needs the church in times like these. Are we Christians asleep? Are we close enough to God? Count up the cost and move forward in Christian service.

INDIANA AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

in

THIRD ANNUAL WOMEN’S DAY SERVICE

4413 Indiana Ave., Chicago, Illinois
Rev. R. H. Davis, Pastor

By Alma P. Cummings

Sunday, April 26, 1942, at 4:00 p.m., the Deaconess Board, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Minnie Davis held their third annual Women’s Day program and pew rally.

Mrs. Irene McCoy Gaines, a civic leader, was guest speaker. Mrs. Gaines gave a message of inspiration to an enthusiastic audience. She was introduced by a former member of the church, Mrs. Leila B. Cannon. Miss Fenton Hamilton, president of the Missionary Society, served as mistress of ceremonies. Mrs. Mable Malarcher, was guest soloist assisted by the IACC Ladies Chorus. Proceeds raised were $125.89.

Miss Carnella Jamison brought a message on Sunday, April 12th, at 11:00 a.m. Miss Jamison held the audience spellbound. She talked on the subject, “The Light is Still Shining In The Darkness.”

Mrs. Margaret James was in a concert recently in the Church auditorium. Groups of classics and spirituals were rendered by the artist. Mrs. Pauline Grubbs was the accompanist. Elder J. H. Kittrell acted as Master of Ceremonies. This recital was sponsored by the Deaconness Board and the Darcus Society.

Mrs. Marjorie O’Banion, who has been away from church because of illness, will lead the Mid-Week Service May 6, 1942, at 8:00 p.m.

Mrs. Irene Abernathy and Mrs. Christine Adams have fully recovered from their illness. Shut-Ins are Mrs. Sheelah Smith and Mrs. Emma Washington.

ELM ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Flossie Herd, Reporter

317 N. Beech St., Oxford, Ohio

A successful two-week period of Revival Services has closed at our church, Rev. H. C. Fowler, pastor.
Our pastor brought wonderful messages and through his untiring efforts has awakened the interest of the entire community. The church was filled each night. Rev. Fowler was assisted by Rev. R. R. Walton of Louisville, Ky., who played and sang soul-stirring gospel songs. By special request, Rev. Walton returned for the second week of services and the church will long remember his presence in Oxford. The church has received eleven new members.

Rev. Fowler is entering his second year as pastor for the Oxford Church on Sunday evenings. He is entering his sixth year at the Lockland Church where he holds services on Sunday mornings. The Lockland Church has a wonderful fellowship with our church and visits us often, especially on Sunday evenings. He is entering for the second week of services and special request, Rev. Walton returned.

CLARK ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Elder F. C. Carey, Pastor
Mrs. N. T. Fuçrán, Reporter
Box 67, Greenville, Texas

The Clark Street Christian Church membership is rejoicing with their pastor over his recent marriage to Miss Ora Randall, a prominent teacher in the Hawkins High School. Miss Randall was formerly English teacher in the High School Department of Jarvis College. She is the daughter of Mr. James Randall, Sr.

We wish for them many years of happiness.

The sisters led in the friendly rivalry with the brothers. The amount assessed each group was $1.00, for the men, and 50 cents for the women. Total raised was $19.50 for the men, and $20.55 for the women.

This has been a month of blessings for our church. Sister Elbie Crawford Titus, the great Evangelist with her gospel songster, Sister Grace Waller, has just closed a soul-stirring revival in spite of rainy weather, and other hindrances. Sister Titus was responsible for one addition to the church. This made a total of six for the month.

NEWS FROM THE LAKE SHORES

THE CEDAR AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Cleveland, Ohio
Kenneth Dabney, Reporter

Attendance at Cedar Avenue Christian Church is increasing. Our finance is beginning to pull up from a low level to a much higher one.

Rev. Cragget has returned from a week of revival work at the Kenyan Avenue Church, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Under the leadership of Mr. Lawson, the director of the choir. We are proud to say that it has given recitals at the white churches throughout northern Ohio. The amount of $233.00 which was raised, went to our Building Fund.

The Endeavor and Bible Schools are making rapid progress under the leadership of Kenneth Dabney, and Mr. Alfonso Gray. The Bible School is learning Christian Advancement program.

Mr. W. L. Shumate, head of the finance committee, is working to complete a program whereby the expense will be within the churches budget. The rally headed by Mrs. G. Toler and Mr. L. Terry proved a great success. They are urged to continue the good work.

Mr. John Compton of Canton, Ohio preached a rousing sermon, during the absence of Rev. Cragget. The Missionary Society under Mrs. Sadie Campbell is also making marked improvement.

THE SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH

1111 Jones St., Little Rock, Ark.
Rev. R. F. Hayes, Pastor
Josephine Hayes Lawson, Reporter

The Second Christian Church is still in keeping in the foreground of this Christian Race. The Sunday School is progressing rapidly under the leadership of Brother Fred Talley, the superintendent. The young people have organized group singing each Sunday morning just before dismissal. They are putting their hearts and souls in their work. They are to be commended for being energetic and enthusiastic for they are the Church of tomorrow.

The prayer service membership is increasing. There are visitors who come in and join the discussions and go away more enlightened on the scriptures.

The pastor, Rev. Hayes and Brother John Martin went to Karr, Ark., the fourth Sunday of April to conduct the monthly service. The congregation is still anxious to hear the gospel preached. Although they are few; they gather in His name and He dwells in their midst.

Mother's Day will close a great financial drive that has been launched by the women of the church. This drive is to defray the indebtedness on the lot that has been purchased to erect a church and the remainder of the proceeds will be used for the building materials.

This drive was opened with a Tea in April at the home of Sister Willie Talley. This was a brilliant affair as well as a financial success. Sister Laura Hayes gave a fish fry, many attended it. Friday, May 8, Sister Ar- teila Jones will give a pair of Nylon hose to the holder of the lucky number at the close of the contest she has conducted. Saturday, May 9, 1942, Sister Hayes will sell fish suppers. The members are striving to obtain their goal. Each man has pledged fifteen dollars or not less than ten dollars.

The pastor preaches soul-stirring messages every Sunday. He gives you something that will strengthen and make you think. May God add more years to his life.

TRI-STATE NEWS

R. Wesley Watson
2327 Lydia St., Kansas City, Mo.

The Tri-State Missionary Board met on March 18th with a full board present. The evangelist made his report which showed some improvement over last year. The secretary-treasurer showed a balance in treasury. This is the fourth year of the work. Our secretaries of Kansas, John Stuart Mills, and John D. Zimmerman, Kansas, R. H. Peoples representing the Religious Educational Department of our work and the U. C. M. S., Mrs. A. E. Gilmore and S. M. McCoy. For the Missouri Negro Convention, W. H. Brown and A. R. McDuff. While for the Kansas Negro Board, Charles H. Webb and E. M. Barrett.

After arranging the budget and settling all matters, the board adjourned and we met with the secretary-treasurer, S. S. Myers, and made out a program for the year.

R. Wesley Watson closed a good meeting at Muskogee, Okla., baptizing four. We are happy to report that Z. H. Howard and A. W. Davis are much better. President P. C. Washington preached an able sermon to the Fulton Church. R. Wesley Watson substituted for Elder Howard in Fulton.

Our church at Boley, Oklahoma lost two very fine souls in the person of Mrs. Ellis and Professor Wm. Hazel. They will be greatly missed.

William Martin closed out his pastorate at Eighth St. Church in Kansas City, Kansas last month. A. D. Littles reports work going well at Wichita, Kansas. The church at Wood- Ave., Kansas City, Mo., lost a very fine worker in the going away of Mrs. Fannie West. She was very active in every department. The funeral was preached by the pastor, S. S. Myers assisted R. Wesley Watson and A. G. Nelson, M. F. Stevens reports the work growing at Independence, Mo.

Our area deeply mourns with Elder E. K. Burton and family in the loss of his good wife.

The Mid-West Conference will be held at Bonner Springs, Kansas, June 22-28th. We are asking that you make reservations by writing R. Wesley Watson, Director, 2327 Lydia Street, Kansas City, Mo.
YOUTH MEET
MISSISSIPPI BOULEVARD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The "Tennessee-Arkansas Youth Fellowship Meet" will convene at Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church, corner Mississippi and Stephens, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 15, 16, and 17, 1942.

The purposes of the "Meet" are to give personal enrichment in life in helping youth to understand their relationship to God and His church; to develop a deep consciousness of their social and spiritual responsibility, and to encourage them to share in the experiences and thoughts of other youth around the world.

The theme of the Meet is "We Must Be Christian."

Registration will be at the church Friday, May 15th, at four o'clock P.M. Registration Fee is $1.00.

The first session begins with a Fellowship Banquet, Friday, at six-thirty P.M. Discussion: "Climbing The Christian Trail."

Delegates are expected to be in attendance from the states of Missouri, Arkansas, Indiana and Tennessee; also from the local Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., Seventh Day Adventist, Second Congregational, McLemore Avenue, Linden Avenue, Decatur Avenue.

THE CHURCH WITH THE OPEN HAND

By J. E. Blair

405 E. High St., Mt. Sterling, Ky.

A few weeks ago the writer had the opportunity of preaching five nights, in the church at Rockford, Ill. During the short time I was with them they gave to the church about sixty-four dollars. They are friendly, and appreciative in their manners, and made it a joyful stay for me. Elder Carey is a finished Elder, who stands in the pulpit each Lord's day, and keeps the fire burning in the spirit of the Master. This church was founded about forty years ago by a group of Christians who went there from Hopkinsville, Kentucky. Some of them are still alive and are known as the Robinson family. It was indeed a great pleasure for me to see those old outstanding members with their heads covered with gray hair still...
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Covington, Kentucky
Mrs. Magavern Jones, Reporter
248 East Robbin St.

Spring is here and with it marks the close of many winter activities. At the beginning of our church year we planned three rallies. October, March and July.

CLARKSDALE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
532 Paul Edward Ave., Clarksdale, Miss.

The funeral service of our well-beloved and faithful Brother Vaughn was held on Sunday, April 26. Brother Vaughn was one of the pioneer members and one of the organizers of the Christian Church in Clarksdale. The church will miss Brother Vaughn as a leader and a fellowman.

He leaves to mourn his loss, a wife, one daughter and a grandson. Brother Vaughn came here from Port Gibson, Mississippi some years ago and lived here for a number of years. At the time of his death he was residing in Jamestown, Mississippi where he was operating a shoe shop.

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Send all contributions to treasurer, President P. C. Washington, Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas.

Every member of every church connected with the Texas Christian Missionary Convention is asked to make a contribution. All ministers and church officials are requested to ask all members and friends to make a contribution and send same to treasurer through the churches. All individual donations may be sent directly to treasurer.

Sincerely,
I. Q. HURDLE,
The State Board: I. Q. Hurdle, Chairman; S. J. Sanson, Secretary; P. C. Washington, Treasurer, Miss S. P. Walker, Women's Dept.; J. W. Pratt, Bible Schools; F. C. Cary, Y.P.S.C.E.; Mrs. A. E. Garrett, W. F. Thomas, J. E. Quarles, members at large; H. C. Poston, Evangelist.

TRI-STATE ECHOES OF VIRGINIA, WEST VIRGINIA, NORTH CAROLINA

614 Hickory St., Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Spencer Memorial Christian Church

The members of Spencer Memorial Church realize that we must share our pastor with other churches in our own state and other states since he is National Evangelist of the churches of Christ in America, have decided to put forth every effort to put the church program over as it should be, so that the pastor, Elder R. L. Peters will not have anything to take his mind from his work as he travels from state to state preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our prayers are for his success, and our Motto is "To lay aside every weight and sin that doth so easily beset us, and run with patience, the race that is set before us.

The work of the church has been left in the hands of the assistant pastor, Elder McCartha Brown, an intelligent person full of inspiration. Elder Roy Miller was also appointed to assist in the building up of the work along with Mrs. V. Spencer Hairston the office clerk. (Anyone wishing to get in touch with the Evangelist can write to this office and receive all information desired, also any information concerning the Tri-State District.

The Easter services were very impressive, large attendances both day and night. Offerings were exceptionally good. The Easter Program under the direction of Supt. James Brown was well attended and the little children brought in an offering amounting to $1.46.

The School of Evangelism is still improving. New members are being added right along. They encourage others to join the class in order that they too may be better qualified to preach the Gospel.

The Ministers, Elders and Deacons Alliance of Winston-Salem, meets every Saturday to transact business for the brotherhood at large. The official staff with Elder C. M. Robinson, Pres. Elder M. Brown, Vice President R. L. Spencer, Secretary and Elder T. A. Coalman, Treasurer.

The Executive Board of Tri-State Convention met March 28th in Concord, N. C., with the Vice-Pres. Elder P. K. Alexander, presiding. The Ministerial Alliance from Winston-Salem, also attended. Other representatives were from Tazewell, Va., Mt. Pleasant, Stewart, Concord, and Walnut Cove.

Spencer Memorial has lost another one of its most loyal members, Mrs. Lizzie Berry. Her death came suddenly Saturday, April 4th. Funeral April 7th, at 5 p. m., with Elder M. Brown officiating.

Ruth A. Robinson
2420 N. Church St., Rockford, Ill.

The members and friends of Second Christian Church are deeply grieved over the death of their newly elected pastor, Rev. W. E. Stewart of Clarksville, Tennessee.

Rev. Stewart returned to Clarksville to move his possessions to Rockford, and while there he was struck by an automobile, he died last week as a result of injuries received.

NOTICE

BROTHERHOOD

Our National Work Must Go On

DID YOU OBSERVE?

First Sunday in March
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234 Hernando St.
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Write, MRS. T. B. BOYD, Manager
421 FOURTH AVENUE, NORTH
Nashville, Tenn.
NATIONAL CONVENTION ELECTION TO BE UPSET

The political battle lines are being drawn and two camps seem to loom as Disciples go into the home stretch for their annual Convention at Kansas City, Missouri, August 17 to 23rd, at the Woodlawn Christian Church.

President R. Wesley Watson's term comes to a close and no one can deny that he has been a very astute leader, careful not to offend anyone and through his fireside chats has been the Darling of Mercy and Courted the Dove of Peace. The records show that a program of constructiveness and courageous leadership has not found that aggressiveness that was pledged at his election, while he has not broken his promises yet he has not developed a program of National import which a student of diplomacy would call, "This is it," "Do not swap horses while crossing a stream," or "He has kept us out of war." It is believed that he has paid all of his predecessor's debts but the Inter-Agency Council Program has not come forth. Nor has vacant pulpits, nor has he openly opposed the idea of a Prepared Ministry, and the beautiful Sunset Idea has been left in the sky.

One thing he is to congratulated for is that he vigorously insisted that our Promotional Secretary should get on the field and during April, May and June, the report of her trip shows that it is very similar to the triumphant march of Jesus into Jerusalem. People everywhere came out to meet her and at the conclusion of her travels she had collected $342.97, not counting the individual gifts. This is heartening news when our total program needs financial support.

President Watson is one of the old stalwarts and along with this camp goes Rev. S. S. Myers, our host pastor, who, it is rumored, has cast wistful eyes at the presidential office. He brings as his claim a regular fellow, product of the Disciple's School, one of the best pastors of one of the best churches of the brotherhood, a good real estate business man and a Christian gentleman. It is claimed that he being the host pastor, and (Continued on Page 2)

Miss Carnella L. Jamison

Congratulations to Miss Carnella L. Jamison! On Friday, June 12, Miss Jamison, able secretary of Negro Missionary Organizations received the degree of Master of Arts from Chicago Theological Seminary. Friends are proud of Miss Jamison's achievement for she is the first woman of the seminary to receive the degree after five quarters of resident work. The normal time is six quarters and many take longer.

It is typical of Miss Jamison's devotion that in a personal letter expressing her hope to complete her work in the shorter period she said, "I am using all my strength, mental and physical, to get it done, not in order to be the first girl so distinguished but in order to be of more service in a world which has so many needs."

We welcome Miss Jamison back to her desk and her work, knowing that these new honors and well-deserved blessings will but add to the fine work she has started.

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Christian Plea Secretaries please send your reports at once to the Plea Office.
belonging to the inner cabinet, has a good chance to be the next president. However, another stalwart and regular war horse comes from the seaboard state. It is none other than the silver-tongued orator, Elder William (Baltimore) Taylor of Baltimore. The reports go that he has left the earth and has hewed out of rock at Hagerstown, Maryland and has built a fine church there while at Baltimore he has kept the home fires burning. He has made all the conventions, a good hand-shaker and with his power of persuasion, has been heard from Kentucky to New York and down the coast. He has the edge on all the old stalwarts because he has the happy opportunity to say, “It is my time.”

Nevertheless, the other camp says you have had twenty-five years and time is not enough. We see three-hundred and fifty vacant pulpits. We see no dynamic evangelistic program; we see no tangible evidence of a prepared ministry; we see no beautiful sunset; we see no joint executive committee; we see no ingathering of new members or financial growth and now it is time to come to grips and catch the spirit of change in a changing world. Rev. Gill, Rev. Eubanks, Rev. Searcy, Rev. L. L. Dickerson, Rev. Daniels, Rev. Webb and many others are well prepared and know church statesmanship. It will be interesting to see what will take place because the constitution needs revamping; the National program needs direction and pairing down; a closer working relation needs to be fostered with our existing agencies and a new spirit for a new age needs to be heard. We will have to rethink our place in a changing world, and in so doing we will have to emerge from our old shell and permit the light of Bethlehem to shine brighter in our hearts and minds.

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Tennessee State College, Nashville, Tennessee

**WHY ATTEND THE YOUNG PEOPLE’S SUMMER CONFERENCE?**

By R. H. Peoples

Because these conferences are sponsored by the church to help educate the young people in Christian Living. The church leaders realized a long time ago that one thing wrong with our educational program as carried out in the local church was that not enough time was given to the task of learning how to be Christian.

The average person spends about thirty minutes a week in the actual study of religion under the supervision of a teacher. If he attends Sunday school every Sunday he averages about twenty-six hours per year, or roughly speaking about one day per year. It takes about one hundred and eighty days of study in the Public School to complete the first grade. Judging the Sunday School by this same standard, it would take the average person about one hundred and eighty years to complete the first grade in religion.

Is it any wonder that people know so little about religion! In the first place, we do not spend enough time in our study of the subject; and in the second place, most of the time spent in study is under the supervision of teachers who have not spent much time in preparing themselves to teach.

The church has provided the conference program to help meet this great need of spending more time in the study of religion under the supervision of the best prepared teachers that can be secured.

Parents are being urged to remember the facts stated above, plus the fact that the practice of a vital religion will mean the salvation of the young people and of our world. It is useless to tell the young these things and do nothing about it. So many of the parents will make every possible sacrifice to help their children to acquire a high school and college education, but do not want to spend an extra dollar to help that same child to acquire a Christian education. In fact, some parents think the church ought to provide the necessary money to give their children a Christian education.

We think that no youth or any person can really live life at its best without an education in the Christian religion. We know that the Conference program will help to provide such education. We think that each parent and each young person ought to feel responsible for acquiring the best education possible in the Christian religion.

You may begin this summer by attending the conference nearest you. Write the Local Director for information.
A WORD TO THE BIBLE SCHOOL CO-WORKERS
By E. W. Wilbert
Dayton, Ohio

This World War has everything in a critical condition. It is hard to tell what will be from week to week. However, Christians should not lose their faith or have any fear, for they are trusting the Almighty. Therefore, we hope every faithful worker of the Bible School of the Brotherhood will meet us at Kansas City, Mo., August 17 to 23. Let each one come filled with the spirit so we will have a great convention.

We hope each state, also each school will have its report in full. Since transportation will not be so handy motoring on account of the tire shortage. Perhaps the delegates of various states can get together in groups and get rates by train or bus to and from the convention.

Don't forget just a little over two months we will be assembling in Kansas City. In order for this to be the kind of a convention it ought to be every delegate must come, not to exalt himself, but in humility and prayer.

Will be looking forward to meeting you in Kansas City.

Dear Bro. Epps:

I see by the May edition of the Plea, that Brother Peoples speaks of local-minister—Local Elder feuds. Permit me to humbly submit the following:

My 44 years of experience has taught me, that there is positively no need of Elder-Minister feuds, each should know his place and fill it well. First of all, this is a new Testament Church and as such should be governed thereby. There is positively no office in the local church higher than that of Elder! They are the overseers. Acts 20, 28. They rule. First Tim. 5, 17, and if they do it well, merit double honor, and if they do so willingly and without pay, and are qualified, there is not a more valuable or useful man in the Church.

As to the local minister there is so little said in the Book about such a person that could be termed a "local preacher" that it is a little difficult to place him. Yet, if he will "Preach the Word," contend earnestly for the Faith," Keep himself unspotted and not abuse his privilege, nor mistake exploitation for exhortation, local Elders will have no grounds for criticism or complaint.

On the other hand, if Elders will divest themselves of ego and not abuse their God-given power and position, and try to see things in the light of love and forbearance, conditions will improve rapidly.

Briefly, the minister is an employee. The Church the employer. Just act as such! By virtue of his position, the local minister is also an Elder, so let all and everyone cooperate and work together for the good of the body and to the glory of God. See first Cor., tenth chapter, 31 to 33 verses, for after all, men will come and men will go but the Church must go on forever.

Yours in Christ.

THOMAS K. ROUSE
United Christian Church
6631 Thirtieth St.
Detroit, Mich.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NEWS
Greetings:
To the state and local presidents of the Christian Endeavor Societies. Many of us are already formulating plans to attend our various state conventions, and to join in the fellowship of the National Convention to be held at Kansas City, Missouri.

Perhaps your local society has performed some program or service of merit. Don't you want to share it with us? You can do so, either by attending the convention for yourself, or by sending a representative. But better still, why not plan to attend and bring a large representation too.

Each local society is apportioned one dollar for representation, and each state society is apportioned five dollars.

We need your support and cooperation both financially and spiritually, and we know that you will do all you can to make the program succeed.

FOSTER T. CRAGGETT,
National President of Christian Endeavor Dept.

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TEXAS CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION
Continues Program of Evangelism
Theme: "The Church Moving Forward Through Faith and Works."
May 1, 1942

Dear Brethren and Friends:

Our Evangelist is on the field—stationed in San Antonio, Texas. He will move to some other place when the work is established there. We need sufficient finances to carry on. We appeal to you for help. We hope no one who receives this appeal will neglect it. Please send a donation to help. Can you help this cause during the month of July? Please do.

Send all contributions to treasurer—PRESIDENT P. C. WASHINGTON,
JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE, HAWKINS, TEXAS.

Every member of every church connected with the Texas Christian Missionary Convention is asked to make a contribution. All ministers and church officials are requested to ask all members and friends to make contribution and send same to treasurer through the churches. All individual donations may be sent directly to treasurer.

Sincerely,

L. Q. HURDLE
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—1 John, 1-7

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

THE NEW FRONTIER
YOUNGSTOWN ADVANCES

By W. J. Ayers

The Committee on Education in our local church has been organized to meet a vital need—that of promoting the growth and the education of our local church. The Committee is what it says it is—it is for educating—it is interested in education. Herefore, this phase of the work has been entirely with the minister. The minister was the factotum of the church. He was supposed not only to know but also to make the plans and give ideas how each organization and auxiliary of the church should function. With the planning and the functioning of each department of the church on his hands the preacher is expected always to preach a 'good sermon.' He is supposed to call on all delinquent members and make all social calls. I suppose all small churches are slowly but surely killing their ministers by such methods. Here in Youngstown, when we discovered that our pastor was being over-worked we decided to take some of the loads off his shoulders. A committee on education was formed to help the pastor 'put over' the program of the church. This committee consists of five members—two men and three women—just ordinary men and women of some intelligence with the love of God in their hearts. To facilitate the Bible School teachers in their work, this committee on education has organized a Training for Service Class. Great interests has been manifested. (We intend to get some literatures of Christian Education Advance). Our teachers meet and discuss the salient points to be brought out in their Bible classes—thus we all are teaching with the same object in view. Each teacher makes a list of absentee pupils and these are contacted by some member of the Committee. Whenever we discover that a 'faithful' attending pupil has not attended for a period of time thru lack of proper clothing, something is done about it—we want that pupil. Parents, instead of merely sending their children to Bible School, are urged to attend, also. To date since the introduction of the committee our Bible School attendance as well as offering have nearly doubled. As to 'giving' for the support of the church each member, large and small, are asked by the committee to make a weekly pledge. It is interesting to see children between the ages of ten to twelve years contribute faithfully to their weekly pledge. Thus, the younger members of the church are being trained now to fill a vital need for the future.

We are only beginning—and now we are emphasizing the importance of the Lord's Supper which must be observed with profound reverence. We are coming along fine and the Lord's work is progressing well.

CONVENTION DATES, PLACES, AND PRESIDENTS

National Convention, Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 17-23; Rev. S. S. Myers, Pastor, 2400 Price St., Kansas City, Mo.

Kentucky—July 21-26, 1942
President—William Brown, 1218 Lane Street, Topeka.

Missouri—July 21-26, 1942
President—Chickasha—Convention Institute Program
President—S. S. Myers, 2400 Price, Kansas City.

Ohio—July 29-August 2, 1942
President—Xenia, Convention Institute Program
President—E. W. Wilbert, 736 Dennisson, Dayton.

Arkansas—August 6-9, 1942
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President—Vine Street Christian Church, Knoxville, Tenn.

President—Elder D. W. Bradley

The expense of the National Convention is $7.60. This includes Room, Board, Registration. The convention meets in Kansas City, Missouri, August 17-23.
Fellow-Workers: “The hour is come for us to do all that we can do for our work (National) I am now urging each and every church to send to Dr. J. E. Walker, Treasurer, whatever funds you have for the work. And make it your business to support the whole program of the convention. Our Plea under Mr. Eppe has done very good work but it now is in need of funds, will you not rally for our paper? Please support this call with your finances and do it now.

We are pleased to learn of the very fine years work done at Jarvis and Mt. Beatuh College this past year and wish to congratulate the Presidents and splendid teachers upon this showing. We made a visit to Wichita, Kan. and Oklahoma City and found that both churches under the leadership of D. A. Littles and R. L. Searcy are planning on building soon. It may be that they will be finished shortly after our National Convention, if not before. The unit in Oklahoma City will have to be torn down to the ground. Wichita will be completed and our Ministers and leaders and members are to be congratulated upon this fine showing. As we write this letter, a special delivery was received from Elder A. R. McDuff asking the writer to conduct the funeral of his good wife who passed away at their home in Lawrence, Kansas. She was a splendid worker in the church and area and will be missed, we commend Bro. McDuff and loved ones to our Heavenly Father in this sad hour.

We are asking each church to send delegates to the National Meeting of the convention which will convene in Kansas City, Mo., August 17-23. Come with the best spirit for the making of a great program and for a working of the same. May God bless each of you as you labor for the work.

Sincerely,

R. Wesley Watson

MRS. ROSA BRACY'S REPORT

March, April and May have been used in a series of presentations of the National Program to many local churches. The Ministers, Officers, and Members of these churches visited were pleased and wholeheartedly accepted the message seriously and enthusiastically and promised generous and full support to the successful culmination of the same.

It was the general consensus of opinion that:

1. The National Convention is essential to the development of the Church Life of our Brotherhood.

2. That the program developed is the result of an expressed passion expressing a need which deserves our collaborative effort.

During my many years of contact with the churches I have never found the churches in better mental, spiritual or physical condition. The church is surely upward. The one great need of our National Brotherhood is a United Committee leadership.

It is hoped that every church in our great brotherhood will observe Father's Day as National Convention Sunday and on that day after the story of Georgestown and the National Convention is told, may every member of the church be urged to count one by giving $1.00 or more to the National Convention Program.

Report of giving when taken should be sent by a Postal Money Order or Bank Draft made payable to Dr. J. E. Walker, Treasurer of the National Convention, 234 Hernando St., Memphis, Tenn.

Counting on your cooperation.

ROSA BROWN BRACY, General Sect'y, National Convention.
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UNIVERSAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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By T. K. Rouse

Special to the Christian Plea: I hereby make my pledge of five dollars ($5.00) to the Taylor Christian College Fund. We need such a college if it is to live up to the Taylor standard. He was not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, nor to, “declare the whole counsel.” It is surprising to note how well our ministers are prepared in everything but the Bible. I hope, when and if such a college is built, that the “Old Timer” (whoever he is) will have a desk there, I like his attitude toward “The Doctrine” and “The True Church.” I used to play there when a boy, but I cannot remember that building. However, it is too much of a bargain to miss. I hope every true disciple will respond. Let me hear more about it in the near future.

Yours in Christ,
T. K. ROUSE
Dear Friends:

We wish that all of you could have been with us for our Commencement activities. The first event was the promotional program of the junior high school on Friday, May 22. The Seventh and Eighth grades under the direction of their instructor, Miss Johnnie Howard, presented a three-act comedy: “The Haunted Tea Room.” Following the play they had a program during which certificates of promotion were awarded to eight members of the eighth grade class.

On Saturday evening the high school graduating class presented “Dora Dean,” a three-act comedy, directed by Miss Irene Mahoney. Our Baccalaureate speaker was Mrs. F. L. Nichols, President of the Mississippi Association of Teachers in Colored Schools. At this service three of the college graduates, Eugene James, Frank Bradley, and Nimrod Townsend, were ordained to the Christian ministry.

Another enjoyable feature of the season was the music festival presented Sunday evening by the Department of Music under the leadership of Mrs. Gertrude Jackson. Folk games were presented by the ninth and tenth grade girls, directed by Miss Virginia Nichols.

We were fortunate to have as our Commencement speaker President Peter Washington of our sister school, Jarvis Christian College in Hawkins, Texas. He spoke most effectively on the role of the Negro in the present crisis. Dorothy Rutledge, the highest ranking student in the college class, gave the Commencement oration on the subject “Disease vs. the People.” Margrice Davis as valedictorian of the high school class was the recipient of a gift subscription offered by Readers’ Digest to the highest ranking high school graduate throughout the country. She and Poynton Flagg as the highest ranking girl and boy in their class were awarded college scholarships. Louise Lawler received the award which is given each year by the Harmonia Club of Jackson to the student making the most progress in music. To Margrice Davis went the Mary Church Terrill award. The next school session will begin September 7. The first week of school will be a week of Conference. It is hoped that having our Young People’s Conference then will serve as an orientation week to beginning students, and will also make it possible to put into effect immediately in our church and school activities all of the good things learned in a week of Conference.

This is the last news letter of the year. They have been composed by the Twelfth Grade English Class sponsored by Miss Virginia Nichols. She hopes to lead a similar class next year. In the meantime send us the names of good students who should share the many advantages of Southern Christian Institute. Our sincere best wishes to you all!!

THE JARVIS COLLEGE MISSIONARY SOCIETY FROM THE TREASURER’S POINT OF VIEW

By Mrs. M. L. Edwards

Treasurer of the Jarvis Missionary Society

June the thirtieth will close one of the most consistent, cooperative, and profitable years in the nine and one-half years I have been here, and perhaps in the entire history of the Missionary Society of Jarvis Christian College, and we appreciate this opportunity of expressing our thanks to our campus and community members who have taken our Society over the top. Amid adversities, obstacles, and perplexities we have united our efforts for one purpose—the extension of the Kingdom of God.

It goes without saying that the financial plan has been so comprehensively and systematically outlined, (and to our pioneers and predecessors must go this credit) and stewardship is so meaningful that it has not been possible to put into effect immediately in our church and school activities all of the good things learned in a week of Conference.

We sponsored three Special Rally Days during the year and contributions were as follows: Woman’s Day $22.84, Easter Offering $12.37, and Mother’s Day Offering $12.32 (not including a $1 pledge). Our Special Project (Annual Tea) netted $21.53. For information I might add that the Mother’s Day and Easter Offerings are credited to our National goal and
A song festival was conducted by Mrs. Arah Garrett, and favorite hymns were sung.

President P. C. Washington received a set of silver corn holders, and a marble paper weight from the rock, which the State Capitol of Texas was made from. Elder W. F. Thomas received a silver server, a gift to he and Mrs. Thomas for their loyalty to their church and 40 years that they both have attended the State Conventions.

Rev. A. A. Henry was given Cannon bath towel, and hand tinted vase. Rev. W. C. Whitfield was given a set of books and candles by Mrs. Arah Garrett, Mrs. Willie Ammons and the Evangelist.

Each guest was given a hand painted vase as a token of love for their loyalty to the church. Bro. W. B. Washington was unable to be present and his gift was sent to him by his son, Rev. E. B. Washington. Mother Whitefield was given a box of toilet goods by the Evangelist.

Bro. Wanzy Givens who had to leave was presented a gift for his loyalty to his church.

After the presentation of gifts, we had the unveiling of a picture of the Lord’s Supper, a replica of Re. Venci.

The amount given to the church was $43.

On May 17, Elder Compton and twenty-five members joined Elder Peters and the members there in evening service at Akron, Ohio. The church was also guest on the fourth and fifth Sundays. During the fifth Sunday day the message was delivered by Elder Compton. He used as a subject: “Personal Evangelism.”

The Cantor Church expects to hold a protracted meeting soon with Elder Peters delivering the message.

SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH
J. J. HAWKINS, Pastor
GERTRUDE HARRIS, Reporter

Indianapolis, Ind.

Members and friends of Second Christian Church enjoyed recently two very fine recitals given by two outstanding members. Miss Clara Reese Kirk, our pianist, who graduated June 5th from Arthur Jordan Conservatory of Music was presented by the Sunday School in a recital. Miss Kirk was assisted by Mr. Herman Billingsley, baritone, of Chicago, Ill. Mrs. Beatrice Wilson, dramatic soprano, who has studied for several years, was presented by the choir of which she is a member. The technique of the performers was commendable. There was a full house on both occasions. The church congratulated them on their achievement.

The Katherine Blackburn Missionary Society gave a delightful Patriotic Tea, May 31st. The basement of the church was pleasingly decorated with cut flowers. There was a musical program. This was an effort to raise money on the apportionment to the United Society. Mrs. Josephine Baker is president of the Missionary Society.

The membership was very happy to welcome Mrs. J. J. Hawkins, bride of the pastor, into its fold May 31st.

The Reverend James McLinney of the New Stranger’s Home Baptist Church spoke Sunday night, May 31, Rev. Bell of the Old Stranger’s Home Baptist Church was the guest speaker for Monday night, Rev. R. H. Walls was the speaker for Tuesday night of the True Light Baptist Church. Reverend S. M. Brown was the speaker for Wednesday night. The Rev. Lott was the guest for Thursday night at the Morning Star Baptist Church, and Reverend Stafney of the Blair Street Methodist Church was the speaker for Friday night.

The entire weeks service was a marvelous success both spiritual and financial. We took in one soul, which made twenty members that we have taken in, in the last six months, and raised a total of $51.55.

We wish to express our appreciation to these ministers and their congregations for their hearty cooperation.

Rev. H. Clay Jacksin, pastor of Clay Street Christian Church, Paduah, Kentucky, his mother and uncle were in a serious car accident. It is reported that his mother was injured, his uncle fatally wounded, and the popular pastor slightly injured.
EAST 28TH CHRISTIAN CHURCH
28th and Paloma St.
Elder W. J. BRYANT, Minister

Since our last report we have received the pleasant surprise announcement of the marriage of our beloved pastor, Elder W. J. Bryant to Miss Carolyn Moore. The wedding took place last February. The announcement was delayed pending the arrival of Elder Bryant's mother, Mrs. D. Bryant from Chicago, and was made as a fitting climax to the Mother's Day program.

Our Memorial Services which are held each year, on the Sunday nearest Memorial Day. The services took on a thanksgiving as well as memorial aspect this year. By the grace of God we have not been visited by death in our congregation during the past year. So our voices were raised in thanks, mingled with our memories.

We are looking forward now, first to our local convention here in South California next month, and later to our National Convention. We hope that representatives from our congregation will be present when the convention convenes this year.

MIDWAY, KENTUCKY
T. R. EVERETT, Reporter
Editor of the Christian Plea:

The Midway Christian Church is moving on in a very fine way. We celebrated our one hundredth birthday on May 17th. Rev. C. H. Dickerson was our guest speaker. Elder D. Reid, our State Secretary and churchman was present, and Brother Monrow Thompson, and others visited Hustonville on the 23rd, and found a fine bunch of faithful Christians holding on without a leader, but they have a fine set up. They have men capable of leading and willing to lead. When you find officers young, and old in the Sunday School you have a church that is started on the right road. The sin of the age is on the part of the congregation. They are the ones who will not pay the price of trying to improve their knowledge in the study of God's word. Our churches are not dying so much for preachers and their words; as it is for competent and conscientious lay leaders. Men and women who really love the church and are willing to suffer for it.

My experience has been, and still is that our people are too easily satisfied. Most people when they join the church feel that it is all they are required to do. That there is nothing more to do but give a little money now and then, and take the communion when it is convenient. But they do not feel that they should go out of their way to do anything for the church. All other necessary things are left to the preacher.

But this is not taught in the Book. We are all laborers together with and for God. And in the final analysis of all things we are going to be weighed in the balance and some of us are going to be found wanting.

JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
Hawkins, Texas

"AROUND THE CAMPUS"
By Venita O. Carney

Music

Mrs. Rosa Page-Welch, mezzo-soprano, appeared in recital on the evening of May 8. She entertained a very appreciative audience, and all who met her will remember her talent, personality, and charm.

The Paladian Club presented Mr. Jack Bridges, baritone, and Mr. Terry Alexander, tenor, in a recital on May 24. So impressive were the renditions until the audience was reluctant to leave at the close of the program.

Another highlight on the stage of music was the annual musical under the direction of Mrs. O. S. Barker. One of the outstanding features of this program was the production of a part of the opera "Carmen." Miss Dixie Taylor played the role of Carmen.

On the Stage

Mr. Jake Bridges, Mr. Charles Berry, Mr. Alfred Edwards, and Mrs. Verba Lyons-Hawkins, were featured in Ti Yette. This was a vivid portrayal of the psychological effect upon a minority group caused by social conditions. All participating were realistic in their roles.

Commencement

The Commencement of 1943 closed a progressive school session for Jarvis Christian College. Twenty-eight members were in the graduating class. Miss Lila V. Huntsman, Miss Cordelia Cleaver, Mr. General B. Oliver, and Mr. Charles Sherman graduated with honors.

The scholarship award representing the highest scholastic standing of a student for the year was again awarded Miss Naomi Jones of Corsicana, Texas, who had a grade point average of 2.63.

Mr. E. W. Henry and Miss Lorene Reece were awarded the Pratt-Patton Religious Award for having made the most outstanding religious contribution to campus life this year.

A very inspirational commencement address was delivered by Reverend S. S. Myers of the Woodland Avenue Christian Church of Kansas City, Missouri. A stimulating and thought-provoking baccalaureate sermon was delivered on Sunday, May 24, by Reverend W. O. Gill, Department of Religion, Jarvis Christian College.

Prominent visitors on May 27, Commencement Day, were Dr. Robert M. Hopkins, Indianapolis, Indiana; Mrs. Terry King, Fort Worth; and Mrs. Shank, President of the Texas Missionary Society, Fort Worth, and the members of the Texas Advisory Board.

Reverend and Mrs. R. H. Peoples and their daughter, Perle, were present during the commencement exercises.

An Eminent Visitor

During the latter part of April, we were fortunate in having Dr. James A. Crain on our campus. His lectures on social education and social action were very interesting. No one under the sound of his voice could leave the meetings without having absorbed valuable information and without being stimulated to do his share in making a worthwhile contribution to this social order of ours. Dr. Crain's enthusiasm was contagious, and he may see wholesome results from the bread which he cast upon the waters.

Christian Endeavor

The Christian Endeavor has made rapid strides this year under the capable direction of President W. E. Berry. On May 27, the officers for the 1942-1943 school session were elected. They were:

John Mangrum President
Jesse Deshay Vice President
Anna Banks Secretary
Eldora Hemphill Asst. Secretary
Robert Harper Treasurer

Summer officers were also elected in order that the work would go forward during the summer without difficulty. The last recreation evening was supervised by Mrs. M. L. Edwards. The evening was filled with fun and food.

Wedding Bells

Yes, the wedding bells continue to ring. During the Commencement Season, we learned of the marriage of Miss Elphaney Haynes to Mr. Clifton Dewberry, and Miss Dora Hawkins to Mr. Emory Parker. "May they live happily ever after."

Faculty

The summer months bring a parting of ways in our faculty. Many are planning to attend summer school, and vacationing. Those planning to attend summer school are: Mrs. Alice Hilliard-Payne, Illinois University; Mrs. T. C. Dickson, Prairie View College; Mr. H. M. Gregory, Western Reserve; Mrs. O. S. Barker, Chicago School of Music; Mrs. O. H. Waters,
Religious Activities

At six o'clock on the morning of May 27, Mr. Charles Sherman and Mr. Ernest Culpepper were ordained for the ministry. The certificate of ordination was presented to them at the same time they received their diplomas.

Other young men studying for the ministry are: Mr. Birdell Dixon, Normangee, Texas; Mr. E. W. Henry, Palestine, Texas; Mr. John D. Mangrum, Pittsburg, Texas; Mr. Lloyd Brown, Bay City, Texas; Mr. F. C. Cary, Hawkins, Texas; and Mr. James Curtis, Waco, Texas.

Miss Julia Flowers, Miss Ruth Neely and Miss Lorene Reece have definitely dedicated their lives to Christian Service and are doing their major work in the Department of Religion.

Mr. Charles Sherman is making preparations to enter Howard University School of Religion to study for the Bachelor of Divinity degree.

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HISTORICAL TRENDS OF THE C. Y. F.

By Foster Cragett—Co-president of National C. Y. F.

One of the best methods of evaluating and determining the progress of the C. Y. F., is to review its accomplishments and achievements. The National C. Y. F. is entering its fifth year of operation, so naturally we will want to see from whence we have come and what will be our direction from here.

Many will recall the 1937 convention which was held at Dayton, and the unprecedented group of young people who were in attendance. Some of these young people were given an opportunity to attend or work in the convention, but the majority had nothing to do and were complaining about their plight. It was out of this condition and a recognition of the fact that the existing program for youth was not meeting the needs of young people, that what was then called the National Christian Youth Movement was begun. Temporary officers were elected to maintain correspondence and to pass along information to all who were interested in the movement.

Dr. R. H. Peoples, wife and daughter, were the house guests of Mrs. Preston Taylor, Greenwood Park, Nashville, during their visit to the churches in Tennessee.

William Kappan Fox, Disciples Divinity House, Student, Chicago, is doing clinical work with headquarters at Tuskegee, Alabama.

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Dr. R. H. Miller will be the guest speaker August 17th at our opening meeting. The choir will give a musical program consisting of 50 voices under the direction of Dr. M. M. Queen. All delegates are urged to be present for the opening night. The opening program will be held in the music hall of the Municipal Building. No delegate can afford to miss this program.

Each delegate is requested to bring his sugar or ration book with him. The first meal will be served Monday evening at 5 P.M. Delegates sending in registration before the evening of the convention will be given choice homes. Local entertainment fee is $5.60. Upon arrival in the city, call Gr. 1279 or Gr. 8689. Persons coming in cars, come down Paseo Boulevard to 24th Street and turn west; go one block and turn north, then go two blocks until you come to the school, Western Baptist College.

The local committee is doing everything in its power to make your stay a pleasant one. We are looking for all our friends to be here.

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R. WESLEY WATSON
PRESIDENT’S FIRESIDE CHAT

My dear Co-Worker:

This comes to let you know that time is drawing near for our National Convention and we hope that you will do your best to represent your church in every department. The Church under the leadership of their pastor, S. S. Myers assisted by the writer is busy making preparations for your (Continued on Page 2)
Fireside Chat
(Continued from Page 1)

Our Living Link for America, have him to cut loose from his pastorate and spend all of his time, preaching the gospel and building up churches. It will take funds to do it but I believe that it can be done. Remember the same sun that melts the butter will also form the clay. It is the attitude. God give us the New Testament Attitude on Evangelism and Missions.

The field is ripe to harvest but we at home must resolve to sustain the worker as she goes out in His name. We need workers on the field and they must be free to carry on and the only way to free them is for us to contribute liberally for their support.

Remember the fee to the convention's Registration 5.60. I do not want the minds confused. Then enrollment is $2.00. In case you get to the city in the evening. The pastor's phone is 1279, and there's 1500. In case you get to the city in the evening, you may call the church, and they will be ready to meet you. Every church is doing what it can to help us.

We were very glad to know that the field is ripe to harvest. We have a good many churches that are ready to go out and help. The only thing is that we need funds. God grant that we may say, "We are ready."

By L. L. Dickerson, Covington, Ky. Sec. of National Convention

For some months the Plea has been reminding us of the appalling number of our churches that haven't pastors, and stressing the need for a Bible College. Herefore, I have not committed myself on this proposition. I will say however that I do believe that a Bible College is one, if not the only means by which we can hope to have an adequately prepared ministry. But there is something else...
of ability, but a willingness to do so. Our people work at the same plants and factories that the members of other churches work. They make as much money. They have as good farms, as nice homes, as fine automobiles and as good clothes as anyone else. If we want pastors then let the churches give them a decent living and the problem will be a long way toward a solution.

It is the task of the church, the inescapable responsibility of the church to make preachers that the pulpit of the land might be filled, and whatever it takes, the church must provide it. If it takes wood, to make more preachers we must go to the forest and hew and cut. If it takes iron we must go to the mines and get the ore. If it takes prayer we must go to the "upper room" and stay there until the need is supplied. If it takes wood to make more preachers we must go to the forest and hew and cut. If it takes iron we must go to the mines and get the ore. If it takes money then we must go into our pockets and give that portion (one-tenth) of our earnings, not only "that there might be meat in God's house" (Mal. 3:10) but that there might be preachers in Christ's pulpit.

In Kentucky we have already started a campaign to solve this problem. We believe some headway has been made. Time and space will not permit us to go into details. Suffice it to say we are working on a solution.

**MID-WEST CONFERENCE**

The Mid-West Conference held its annual meeting at Bonner Springs, Kansas. R. H. Peoples, Dean; R. Wesley Watson, Director. We had plenty of rain but a very interesting week.

The group enjoyed a busy week and much information was given. Miss Mayetta Fine were elected Co-Presidents. Miss Staycie also Institutional Church supported the conference. The conference greatly inspired many members of our church in the city. Sunday morning, Mr. Hall spoke for the 8th Street Church. Everyone enjoyed the fine message.

Mid-West Conference is growing in the hearts of the churches and will be able to make a good contribution to the training of the leaders in years to come.

**"A DISCIPLE IN FOREIGN SERVICE"**

Corporal James Leon Killingsworth Battery F, 99th Coast Artillery New York City, NY.

Friends of the Disciple World, a few months ago I began a series of articles in the Christian Plea, but due to unavoidable circumstances, I was unable to continue them for the past two months. So here I am again.

Yes, my central theme is "Friends." Is friendship a basis of recognized social equality? Is it desirable? Does it have any tangible bearing on the making of a Christian world? Well, friends, think on these things.

Friends, has it ever occurred to you how profoundly human destiny has changed by friendships of men? To one the influence of a friend into this issue of life has brought joy, blessing, success. To another, such companionship has ushered tragedy, evil, sorrow and ruin. What has friendship meant to you when it came into your life? Friendship dwells for the most part in those ratified spiritual realms when we allow it to grow out of mutual acquaintance with an individual. When you sense the success of friendship after you have met someone who understands you, who takes deep interest in your life, you have had a great experience.

The story of David and Jonathan is a fascinating example of comradeship. The devotion of Saul to the son of Jesse explains the courage of a friend. David sobbed these words of grief, "I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan: very pleasant to me: thy love to me was wonderful, surpassing all I know."

Jesus said on one occasion, "Ye are my friend if you do the things I command you." No man is the whole of himself. His friends are the rest of him. We are gregarious creatures, tending to be like those whom are our associates. Our friends make us loving or hateful characters. Therefore, I say a friend is the relationship of one soul abiding in two bodies.

Friends of the Disciple World, ye are my most worthy friends. May your work among your comrades and friends have a two-fold purpose, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." A true friend like Jesus is the food-stuff of life, to seek his friendship is the art in seeking life everlasting. Friends are the health of ones spiritual realms of the body, soul, and mind. The emotions connected with it react favorably on every normal function. The man who adjusts himself to his fellowmen, has confidence in them in spite of their weaknesses, trusts them in spite of their betrayals and denials, cooperates with them in spite of the antagonisms, that man is a real friend and has within the foundation of his character the world has ever known, the standard of a friend is Jesus.

Mankind everywhere, what part do your friends play in your lives? Give, O God, that peace, that only Thou can give to mankind everywhere. Amen.

**THIRTEEN YEAR OLD PIANO PRODIGY TO PLAY IN DAYTON, OHIO**

Another child of whom the race can well afford to be proud is Buckner Gamby, Junior, thirteen year old prodigy of the pianoforte from Cleveland, Ohio. His interest in the piano began at the tender age of six; since then he has been presented in recitals in various parts of the country. At present young Gamby is studying at the Boston Conservatory of Music.

Miss Margaret Lee of Norwood Avenue Christian Church is chairman of the committee presenting this talented young musician here at Linder Center, Tuesday evening, July 28th.

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SOUTHERN INSTITUTE ON NEGRO DISCIPLE WORK HELD
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at the Tennessee A. & I. State College
Dr. W. P. Harmon, State Director of Disciple work for Tennessee prescribed over the Institute for Negro work. Dr. Roger P. Noe, former president of the International Convention, and pastor of Vine Street Christian Church, conducted the discussion on worship; Dr. George N. Mayhew, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, conducted the discussion on, What to Preach; Dr. Ernest A. Hamm, pastor of 17th St. Christian Church, discussed the History of Disciples, and Dr. R. L. Harwell, pastor of Eastwood Christian Church was Dean of the Institute and helped with the entire program. Dr. W. P. Harmon presented a discussion on Evangelism and Bible School Work.

The delegates attending were: Dr. J. E. Walker, Memphis, who addressed a Mass Meeting at Lea Ave. Christian Church; Rev. T. R. Everett, Midway, Kentucky, who preached at Alameda Ave. Christian Church; Mrs. Johnnie Kirkpatrick, Louisville, Ky., President of the Woman's National Convention, who spoke at all the churches of Nashville while here; Rev. G. W. Gore, Sr., Pastor of Gay St. Christian Church, was officially installed, Sunday; Rev. J. K. Childs, Acting Pastor of Lea Ave. Christian Church, Mrs. E. Thompson, Bloomington, Ind.; Prof. Merl R. Eppse, Nashville; Miss Mary Elmore, Bowling Green, Ky.; Mrs. J. G. Ross, Nashville; Rev. Blair T. Hunt, Memphis; and many local people including W. J. Hale, Jr., Mrs. W. J. Hale, Jr., President W. J. Hale and Mrs. H. E. Braden.

This is only the beginning of a vigorous program among the Negro Disciples of the South. A delightful outdoor picnic was held at Greenwood Park, presided over by Mrs. Preston Taylor and the Missionary Ladies of Lea Avenue Christian Church.

MISSIONARY CALL
6440 Rhodes Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

To the Editor:
Dear Missionary Society Members:
Wherever Missionary Society members have gathered one of the most discussed questions has been whether the Missionary Society can continue to function in the traditional manner of attempting to save souls by exhorting people to serve God and by rendering certain services in this age of rapid and almost cataclysmic social change. The answer is that it cannot. As a consequence of this negative answer it is necessary that the Missionary Society seek new fields in which to expend its missionary effort. While it is true that Missionary Societies have carried on a certain amount of Social Service in the communities in which they were located, the range of these activities has been limited and the administration of these services has been amaturish and haphazard, resulting in frequent failures because the society's members have not studied the organization and composition of the community in which they live and have attempted to perform these services or the roles which they play in the life of the community. Social Service is not a field that is limited strictly to the professional social service worker, nor is it a field limited to the giving of charity to the poor. It involves the creation of a peace of mind on the part of the individual to whom it is rendered, the creation of wholesome recreational facilities where these are lacking, and the creation of a community interest. The second of these the professional social worker can do, but the first and third can be done by the Missionary Society who is also a member of the community. How this is to be done depends upon the stage of social development the community has reached. If there is, as there are in a number of states, a high rate of illiteracy, why cannot a member of the Missionary Society who possesses at least a knowledge of the Three R's impart that knowledge to those less fortunate than he? If there are limited recreational facilities why cannot the Missionary Society promote a playroom in the church building. In many states, because of residential requirements, many persons in need of relief cannot secure it. Why cannot the Missionary Society help these people who are denied by law the benefits of the regular relief organizations?

These are some of the fields in which the Missionary Society can and must work if it is to be as active on the home front as it has been on the foreign front. The society in Chicago, recognizing the need for wider fields of endeavor has attempted to do some of these things. We have had good fortune in having the services of Miss Carnella L. Jamison, Field Secretary. We feel that we have had a very successful year which we closed with a Victory Tea presided over by Mrs. Sally Carter, leader of Group 1. ably assisted by Mabel I. Davis and Mrs. Irene Abernathy, leaders of Groups 2, and 3.

FENTON HAMILTON,
Chm., Personal Service Com.,
6440 Rhodes Ave., Chicago, Ill.
OBJECTIVES OF THE CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

By Foster T. Craggett

As an outgrowth of our Dayton convention in 1937, there sprang forth a movement to give the young people an outlet for service, and a chance to improve their program. In May 1938, a representative group of young people and leaders of youth assembled in Indianapolis to further plans for an effective youth program throughout the Brotherhood. The central purpose of that meeting was to set up an organizational pattern to serve as a medium for the carrying out of such a program. And the important thing to remember about it, is that this was not an attempt to replace or set up a new organization, but to provide a better means and a clearer understanding for the promotion of an effective youth program.

The second C.Y.F. Council meeting was also held in Indianapolis in May 1940. The central purpose of the meeting at that time was an effort to align the work and set up the C.Y.F. in harmony with the already existing Brotherhood pattern. Also to develop means and techniques to help the adults and the young people themselves to understand the nature of the program that was being developed.

We are assembled here in Indianapolis in May 1942 to review the accomplishments that we have thus far achieved, and to plan our program for the future.

We must admit first of all, that there are those present who, perhaps for the first time are receiving a close-up of the objectives of the C.Y.F. as well as many of us who are still in the process of clarifying our views and philosophy as to the purpose and place of the C.Y.F., so that one of the things that we will need to consider, is to study and evaluate the developing program of the C.Y.F.

Secondly, we realize that though excellent blue prints may be provided and though we may set forth on paper the ideal program by which to solve our existing problems, that unless we have those who are willing to work, that all we have done, and this very meeting, will be but in vain, unless we are able to inspire our youth and the leaders of youth to give themselves in developing the best possible youth program.

Thirdly, that in order to achieve any success, and to secure the unity of all, we must keep in mind the fact that we must correlate this program with the program of the local churches and other agencies of the Brotherhood.

To enumerate our general objectives:

1. To study and evaluate the developing program of the Christian Youth Fellowship.
2. To inspire our youth and leaders of youth to give themselves in developing the best possible Christian youth program.
3. To correlate the program with the program of the local churches and other agencies of the Brotherhood.

Keeping in mind our general objectives let us view the specific tasks and the things that we will want to consider for our meeting here this week-end.

We do not have to go very far today, but that we in contact with some attempt, either by youth themselves, or by leaders of youth, to set up a program to relieve the problems that beset youth. Some of these have failed, first of all, because they did not clearly state their objectives, and secondly, because the principles upon which they were trying to build were not basic, and were not Christian at heart. First of all, we will need to state our basic principles and motives. Thus we will want to work out some guiding principles for building an adequate Christian youth program for our churches.

Not only do we want to evolve the principles, but we want to work out methods and procedures for getting these principles accepted and put into operation by various program groups, such as the local church, district and state program committees.

Calling to mind the necessity of obtaining a clearer understanding of the principles for building an adequate program—there is still another factor, which if not realized often leads to failure. And that is we have allowed our appreciation of that which we have developed to lapse into a standard of retaining that which is attractive and entertaining. We retain that which appeals to the young people, regardless of its ultimate value. So we should be concerned with that which is for the spiritualizing of the activities of the youth program, that is, to make our religious program vital and meaningful rather than mechanical and beautiful.

"Seeing is believing" is an axiom often quoted by everybody. And the best means that I know how to show that that which we have suggested for the achieving of the Christian life, is by setting up special groups within our various circles as demonstration groups.

We cannot hope to consider all the problems and implications that have been suggested, so our specific task will be to select some particular program emphases and supporting materials which we will be able to develop in our local church, in our district and in our state work.

Any program planning must take into consideration three aspects—the immediate, the continuing, and the ultimate. However, we must lay a groundwork for the acceptance of that which we hope to present. So in our sessions let us plan a strategy to create a readiness for the program which we will want to introduce.

Similarly, unless it is destined towards certain ends, and is flexible enough to meet the changes which must take place, it is doomed to failure. So let us include in our planning a strategy which will become a natural philosophy of procedure.
In summarizing our objectives they are as follows:

A. Our general objectives
1. To study and evaluate the developing program of the C.Y.F.
2. To inspire our youth and leaders of youth to give themselves in developing the best possible Christian youth program.
3. To correlate this program with the program of the local churches and other agencies of the Brotherhood.

B. Objectives for 1942
1. Formulate guiding principles.
2. Work out methods and procedures.
3. Select program emphases and supporting materials.

SEVENTY-TWO WOMEN IN CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE

The Women’s Auxiliary Synod of Tennessee Presbyterian Church, U.S. (White) selected seventy-two Negro women from all denominations of Negro churches of the State of Tennessee for a Christian Conference, June 15-20, at beautiful State College, Nashville, Tennessee.

The theme: “Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.” Isa. 40:3.

The program consisted of a demonstration Daily Vacation Bible School, Bible Study; State Health Department Daily Vacation Bible School, A Just and Durable Peace; and a chapel program. The Synod paid room and board for each woman. Mrs. A. Philip Randolph, Walter White and Milton Webster for the right of Negroes to participate equally in the defense program.

On June 26th, members of our club joined the 12,000 Negroes who met in the Coliseum for the “March On Washington” meeting. In this meeting the Negroes gave a deafening ovation to a demand by the speakers, A. Philip Randolph, Walter White and Milton Webster for the right of Negroes to participate equally in the defense program.

Sunday, July 5th marked the annual installation program and Tea given at Elm Home. Mr. Lucius C. Harper, executive editor of the Chicago Defender, was guest speaker. Mr. Harper spoke on “Democracy and the Negro Race.” The officers of the club and choral group were installed by Mr. Harper. Musical numbers were furnished by Mrs. Gertrude Jackson, Mrs. Sadia Jones and Mrs. Rose Welch. Mrs. Welch was accompanied by her daughter, Linnie. Mrs. Annette White, a former teacher of Jarvis College, was Mistress of Ceremonies.

The popularity contest closed with only three of the five original contestants participating. The first prize was won by the writer, second prize, Mrs. Ollie McFerrin and third prize, Miss Katie Mae Grafton. More than $48 was turned in by these contestants.

Miss Ruth Carpenter, a teacher in the High School at Vicksburg, Mississippi, was guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Welch and Mrs. Lizzie Page, Sunday, July 5th.

Sergeant John Claiborne is now enrolled at the Officers Training School in Oklahoma.

ROCKFORD ILLINOIS’ CHURCH NEW PASTOR

By Gladys Holt

2339 Tenth St., Rockford, Ill.

The Rockford Church is doing fine.

They have a very young minister, C. S. Sterus from North Middletown, Ky. He brought his wife and fourteen months old daughter. The church had a very large attic and now they are making a parsonage out of it. It looks very nice, and made six rooms.

The members are very proud of it. It is something they should have had many years ago, and now really realize the need of it.

SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH

J. J. Hawkins, Pastor

Gertrude Harris, Reporter

Indianapolis, Indiana

A dream has been realized. Second Christian Church is out of debt. On Sunday night, June 12th after the workers in the “Victory Rally” made their reports, there was enough money to pay off the indebtedness of the church. Members and friends of the church are very proud of this fact. Mr. Henry Hamlin was chairman of this financial effort.

The church congratulates the following members on their scholastic achievements: High School Graduates—Betty Tanner, Harold Wilson, Helen Leaugh, Rosa Lee Bacon. College Graduates—Clara Reese Kirk, Mary Margaret Stephens, Ester Anderson. Verbie Hawkins. Received M.A. Degrees—Harry Radcliff, Samuel Southern. Each graduate received a gift from the church.

NEWS FROM THE LAKE SHORES

THE CEDAR AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Cleveland, Ohio

Kenneth Dabney, Reporter

Our pastor, Rev. C. E. Cragglett, was elected first vice-president of the Cuyahoga County Ministerial Alliance. This alliance carries out the work of the Federation Council of Churches. It has a membership of four hundred ministers of the county.

Mrs. E. B. Burrus headed our Children’s Day Program which was most successful in every way.

The Missionary Society re-elected Mrs. Sadie Campbell as their president for the coming year.

Mr. Gray, our Sunday School head, arrived in from his vacation just in time to attend the Annual Bible Outing. He was visiting in the Southland.

The church is getting more fruitful every week. We have been having a fair stream of new additions to the church. The men beat the women in their rally contest, now the women are coming back with love in their eyes for another contest to avenge
CLAY ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH CLOSSES SUCCESSFUL YEAR
By Oseola A. Dawson

God called man from the Garden of Eden, and he came. This was the beginning of an important episode, but it was by no means the ending. For the call for a man continues to sound through the corridors of time. So several months ago, when the Clay St. Christian Church sent out the call "Wanted a Man," it was neither a strange nor an unfamiliar voice.

In answer to this call, came Elder H. E. Jackson of Dayton, Ohio. It is with a feeling of great pleasure and pride that we say that Elder Jackson is an exceptional young man, possessing rare ability as a leader and Minister and a very pleasing personality. First of all, from all appearances, Elder Jackson is a Christian gentleman. He is a very excellent Gospel Minister. We feel truly, that he is one of God's preaching men. He is a minister who fights sin wherever and whenever it is found, one who stresses in his sermons the fundamentals of Christian living. God as friend and father—men as brothers—love—faith—prayer—courage—repentance—service—neighborliness—sincerity—purity—stewardship—mercy—immortality—the new birth and the new life—peacemaking—righteousness—these and kindred themes are the ones upon which most of his messages are based. If one will examine the New Testament, he will find that these are the words with which Jesus made his great pronouncements. Of far greater importance than the preaching is the fact that he matches his messages with his life. He brings to the pulpit his best self and his highest powers. His sermons are interesting, soul-inspiring and thought provoking, his rendition beautiful. We do not understand how that one can hear these messages Sunday after Sunday without going out with a new sense of God, a new pattern for life, and the consciousness of a new power in life. Elder Jackson makes Christ real in all his sermons that men who listen with interest cannot help but be woed from a life of sin, that hearts broken with grief and defeat cannot help but be made strong and courageous again. As a preacher, we believe that our pastor belongs to that eoddly company who have had their lips touched with live coals, have seen visions and dreamed dreams and have dared to be God's preaching men.

Not only does Elder Jackson rank above the average as a preacher, but also as a pastor. He has developed the art of leadership to such an extent that well thinking people are glad to follow.

As the result of this able leadership, in June 30, when Eternity declared another year closed, we were happy to be able to report that our church experienced a very delightful six months under the pastorate of our new leader. The church has accomplished much both in a spiritual and a material way.

In keeping with Elder Jackson's idea that the church should be an influential asset to the community, on January 1, a Reading Room and Recreational Center were formally opened. This was done through the Educational Committee, which he organized in December. This has meant much to the children of the community, in that it has provided wholesome recreation for them. Balls and wire were purchased for a tennis court, which if not completed this summer will be next. Elder Jackson is attempting to bring the church to the place where it will be the steady, guiding, inspiring force in the trying years of childhood and youth, and a force that will point the way through the tangled evils of the day. Very definite steps have been taken and are being taken in those directions. Both foreign and home missions have been encouraged and contributed to.

Our pastor has a very highly cultivated aesthetic taste. As a result, the church auditorium has been very beautifully decorated—the ceiling is ivory and the walls cream. The money for this undertaking was raised by the women of the church in their pre-Easter Rally (total amount raised $139.00, Mrs. Lucille Boyd having the highest amount). The seats have been repaired and a piano purchased.

The beauty of the sanctuary is, indeed inspiring.

A gospel chorus, made up of young adults and teen age persons was organized in April. Miss Ethel Flora- noy was chosen President and Pianist, Mrs. Irma Nuckols, Director; Miss Velma Caldwell, Secretary; the call was made by Beulah Grubbs, Treasurer. The chorus renders the song service each Sunday evening.

On June 28, the closing reports for the year were made and officers elected for the ensuing year. The reports revealed that more than $800 has been raised during the six months that Elder Jackson has been with us. The newly elected officers are Deacon R. L. Boyd, Clerk; Deacon Leslie Barnett, Treasurer; Mrs. S. E. Pearson, Pres. of the Women's Council.

Our plans for another year, include the raising of an additional $1000.00 on the building fund indebtedness, the taking of a religious census, the strengthening of our relations with the community and the public, a greater spiritual awakening among the membership, and a more forceful campaign for the recalling of lost men and women. Efforts are being made to install a more effective system of records in our church. Our budget for the year has already been made.

It is of interest to note that Elder Jackson has recently been made Chairman of the Inter-denominational Ministerial Inter-racial Committee. This is the first inter-racial committee formed in this city. Hereafter, the churches in Paducah have done practically nothing tangible to bring about better relationship between the races. It is hoped that through this organization better understanding and cooperation between the races will be effected.

We are asking the prayers of our entire brotherhood that our church may continue to progress. We are proud of our past accomplishments, but are by no means satisfied. We hope to do much more, in the name of Christ, during the next year than we did the previous year.
GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI
J. N. Keyes
714 Avenue "F", Greenwood, Miss.

From May 31st through June 11th, Elder I. C. Franklin secured the services of Elder Thomas E. Brooks of Bluefield, Virginia, student of the S. C. I., who is a power in the pulpit also a pianist of the highest degree who also did most of the playing. He was a great asset to our local church. It is said by many that the meeting was the best to be held in our city. The state at large should cooperate and give every possible aid that can be obtained to encourage this talented young man to go on until he has accomplished his aim. Our church was revived 100 per cent in all departments. Elder Brooks instructed the children each afternoon with games and plays. At 8:30 there was a praise service and Bible quiz. Each night the interest grew until the church was filled to its capacity. We called this young man Joshua who is taking our people to the Canaan land. He is a born leader, and one that handles courageously the word of God.

During the second week Elder Brooks was given a pre-Birthday party by the home of Sister H. M. K. Hill, 304 McNiel Street. He was given many presents, so many that he had to hire a taxi to convey them to his stopping place. On the closing night the financial secretary reported $65.33.

Sunday, June 14th another young minister and graduate from the S.C.I., Brother Eugene James, son of the late Elder C. J. James, came to us and brought a great message. Brother James is a fine speaker. His father was a former pastor of our church. Therefore, we gave his son a standing invitation. Pray for us, that we may hold fast to the things which become sound doctrine.

NOTES FROM THE OLD ASPARAGUS BED
By A. D. Gault

Route 2, Mayslick, Kentucky

Through the months April, May and June, we have been on our path of duty. On Easter Sunday our pastor, Rev. E. B. Toles brought the Easter sermon. The Bible School gave an Easter program sponsored by John Washington and Elwood Cross. It was a fine program. Brother Cautious and Miss Amelia Gault gave everyone in the house some Easter egg candy.

April 8th Mrs. Rosa Bracy was with us and put the National Convention Program before the people. The writer attended the State Board Convention at the Pratt Street Church in Lexington.

The Paris High School gave a play, “The Road Back,” on May 9th. The play was very good.

THE REPORT OF THE SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH
FROM THE FOOT OF THE OZARKS
Mrs. Josephine Lawson, Reporter
Elder R. L. Hayes, Pastor

The Second Christian Church is still working toward great aims that they have set forth.

The Bible School under the leadership of Brother F. D. Talley is striving and growing in membership, interest and finance. The School has on a drive which closes in August. This drive is to increase the School’s membership also its treasury.

Elder R. F. Hayes preached two wonderful and soul-inspiring sermons. The third and fourth Sundays of June, namely—“Simon the Sorcerer” and “Paul’s Conversion.” The congregation was truly uplifted and each one was benefitted. All could say, “Did not our hearts burn within us as we walked with the Lord.”

The women’s rally closed the second Sunday in June. At this time a program was rendered by persons throughout the city. It was an enjoyable occasion. The highest amount was raised by Mrs. F. D. Talley. The money was paid on the church lot that is being purchased on High St.

Elders Hayes and Martin went to Kerr, Ark., the fourth Sunday in June. They held the regular monthly service. Visitors from Texas were present.

The congregation is now looking forward to the National Convention.

CAPITOL CITY NEWS
By J. F. Whitfield
2723 11th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

It is very gratifying to all of us to read in the Plea of the many fine things that are being done by churches, groups and individuals. And as we are inspired by reading these things we think some would be inspired by reading about something good which we at Washington, D.C., are doing.

So we begin by saying that the year 1941-42 was a very good one for the 12th Street Church. The program for the year called for an increase in membership of not less than 25 per cent, a corresponding increase in giving; a more dynamic and progressive membership; a revitalized young people’s organization; a regraded Bible school; a daily vacation Bible school and a permanent group system for conducting special and general financial drives.

All phases of this program were put into being so that the membership has increased more than 25 per cent; the increase in giving is more than 50 per cent; a dynamic and progressive membership is now making both the grounds and building one of the beauty spots of the capital; the young people’s Renaissance Club and Christian Endeavor Society are revitalizing influences to the whole church; the re-graded Bible schools stands out as one of the most significant points of our achievements; the daily vacation church school (now in session) bids fair to enrich the lives of many of our young people who are training for leadership in the church, and our permanent group system has resulted already in the development of a more systematic and purposeful giving; it is in these groups that stewardship is taught and begun to be practiced. Another phase of our program worthy of mention is the National Convention Committee. It has done already some very profitable work for both the Plea and the Convention, having got well started on the way to its ultimate goal.

We have been blessed in this administration of our affairs with the services of fine young men and women from Howard University and other colleges. Mr. Jesse T. Freeman, class of ’42, Divinity School of Howard, served as religious education director and assistant to the pastor.

Space will not permit us to tell all at this time. The church marches on under God. We are resolved to be Christian.
Disciples Convention to “Advance with Christ”

“LEST WE FORGET”

The Late Preston Taylor
Founder and First President
National Christian Convention
Nashville, Tenn.

Educational Features of the 26th Annual National Convention
To be held on
Western Baptist College Campus
Aug. 17-23, 1942

Dr. George E. Haynes, Outstanding Church Leader in Convention.

The National Convention is fortunate to secure the services of Dr. George E. Haynes of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. Dr. Haynes is spending a day each with 3 of the educational conferences. He will also address the convention in general session on the subject, “The Church and War Services.”

May Be the Last Convention for the Duration

This may be the last national convention for the duration of the war. (Continued on Page 2)

President’s Fireside Chat

My Dear Co-Workers:

We are now at the close of the year’s work. What has been done has been done. We take this means of thanking each of you for the fine cooperation you have given. I have done all that I was permitted to do while in office and am leaving it with the fondest memories of a Great Brotherhood. Surely there is a great future before us. In this crucial hour I do hope and pray that we will lose every selfish motive and see the “GREAT CAUSE” and build up men to fit into them and not build up causes for men. We have suffered so very much from building up set-

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Rev. R. W. Watson
President, National Christian Missionary Convention
Kansas City, Mo.

Mrs. Preston Taylor
Past President, National Woman’s Christian Convention
Nashville, Tenn.

C. Y. F. Call
Dear Pastor and Youth Leaders:

Perhaps you have been looking for a further way to definitely express your interest in the development of the youth program of your church. We have already noticed your interest in the past, in part, by seeing that you sent a representative to the C. Y. F. Planning Conference held in Indianapolis this past May.

This year marks the fifth anniversary of the founding of the C. Y. F. and in connection with this event we are planning to publish a souvenir program for the National Convention. We have contacted one of your representatives who attended the meeting in Indianapolis and asked them to aid in the cause by making a contribution of $2.00. We are confident in you and your interest of the youth work of your church that you will see that some of your young people will attend the National Convention, and that if it is impossible for any one to attend

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EDUCATIONAL FEATURES

We urge every one who possibly can to come. The educational conferences are planned to give special help to local church leaders. We invite and urge our ministers, laymen, women and young to attend regularly one of the conferences. The program for the general session is especially good and will enrich your life if you are privileged to attend.

Program of the Educational Conferences

Dr. George E. Haynes will address the first three conferences, one each day, in the order listed.

Joint Conferences—Minister's Church Board members.

In addition to receiving and discussing Dr. Haynes' message, this conference will review The Work of the Church and the Church Board. This document written by R. H. Peoples has grown out of discussions in Conventions Institutes, State Church Leaders Conferences and Local Church Conferences.


Social Education Conference:

This conference will also have the privilege of hearing Dr. Haynes and discussing his message. The main item of business before this conference however is to review and adopt the manual on social education in the local church. This manual has been written by Dr. Crain from the material developed in the Social Education Conference during the past three years.

Missionary Education Conference:

General Sessions for women and men of the church. Presentation of Missionary Education Literature, methods, and materials. Discussion of United Christian Education Advance leading to definite plans of action.

Executive Sessions for national and state leaders developing a program of work for state and national procedure.

Special—Message on Interracial relations in our communities in relation to the war situation. Discussion of Missionary planning and action in local churches. Dr. George E. Haynes, Federal Council of Churches, New York.

Religious Education Conference:

The religious education conference this year is inviting representatives from all departments of the local church to attend its session. The subject for discussion will be the United Christian Education Advance. This conference will work out definite suggestions on how to introduce and promote the advance in the local church. The members of this conference will also present the Christian Education Advance panel to the convention in session on Wednesday morning.

Chairman—Rev. R. L. Jordan. Secretary—Executive Secretary—Prof. E. J. Dickson.

Christian Youth Fellowship Sessions:

Schedule for Each Day
8:00 Assemble
8:05 Message—Rev. John B. Eubanks
9:30 Closing Worship
8:00-10:00 Saturday—Summary reports and closing worship
Tuesday Afternoon—Business meeting.

Thursday, 7:00 P.M.—Report of National C. Y. F. Planning Council (Public Meeting).
Saturday, 9:00-10:00 P.M.—Special Deductive Service (Convention invited to participate).

Co-Presidents—Foster Craggett, Evelyn Dunn.

Secretary—Martha Lee Wade.

MRS. ROSA B. BRACEY
Promotional Secretary
National Convention
St. Louis, Mo.

FIRESIDE CHAT
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ups for men and not men to fit into set-ups.

We have seen the work grow and you can always count on me to help it grow in every way. Our Field Secretary has done a fine work, it will speak for itself. "The harvest is truly ripe, pray that the Lord of the harvest will send laborers into the harvest."

Through the efforts of our Treasurer, Dr. Walker, I was permitted to attend the International Convention at Grand Rapids, Mich. The following churches responded with $5.00 each. Dallas, Texas, Kansas City, Parsons, Kansas, Indiana Avenue, South Side, Chicago, Memphis, Tennessee, Detroit, Mich. Thanks to each. We are praying for a great convention and know that you too will do all you can to make it so.

Kansas City will be ready for you. Dr. Raphael Miller, Editor, is our guest speaker for Monday night in the City Auditorium. Don't fail to get here in time to receive this inspiration, a chorus of 50 voices will furnish music for this occasion.

I am sincerely, Yours in His Name, R. WESLEY WATSON
AUGUST, 1942

Southern Institute on Negro Disciple Work held at Tennessee A. and I. State College, June 14-18, 1942. Sponsored by the Tennessee Christian Missionary Corporation
Dr. W. P. Harman, State Secretary

PASTORLESS CHURCHES
D. I. Reid, Lexington, Ky.

Just a note on the discussion of “Pastorless Churches” and its related aspects. For example consider a church of ten able-bodied members earning $100 per week, an average of $10 could feed a pastor by the pro-rata plan, giving to the pastor one-eleventh of the total earnings of the group. Upon such a scale the pastor could live at least as decently as the members of his flock.

Leaving that thought, the next idea to grapple with is, to see that the pastor really earns the $9.10. Certainly it is not worth a dime to pastor ten real Christians who have enough religion to execute such a plan successfully. A real Christian doesn’t need a “pastor.” He does need an evangelist to assist the church to grow. Growing means to augment that number of real Christians who need no “pastor” of the type involved in our problem.

Our communities need to be evangelized. The evangelistic field has always been a paying success. People subconsciously are interested in the preachers whose work is soul saving; and they get their pay; and they are sincerely loved.

Pastors have a hard time proving that they are really working. Often they tear down in order to build up. It is really pitiful to notice how some pastors scramble in search of something to do, worth while.

However it is fashionable and in keeping with our day that the church maintain a pastor and parsonage, and occupy its place in the scale of other communions, based largely on the amount of salary paid, ranging among us black folks as high as $10.00 per annum.

When we finally come to a realization of the church as a saving agency in the world of society, all having a single thought for the betterment of others less fortunate than ourselves, we may find that there is no resting place, but ALL must work, sacrifice and pray, forgetting ad leaving any and all comparative study of how to build an Eden in the pulpits.

There is no new thought, no solution but Divine guidance, living in keeping with God’s truth.

Limited vision looking out upon life in both directions, into history and into prophecy, may be the main cause of experimentations, trying
SOLVING "THE SOLUTION"
By C. H. Dickerson
Lexington, Kentucky

In the July Christian Plea my brilliant young nephew L. L. Dickerson who is President of Kentucky State Board and Convention and Secretary of our National Convention wrote, "The Solution of the Vacant Pulpit Problem." His article was well named. He seemed to have "wrung the subject dry." He says, "the unwillingness of our churches to support the ministry, is the sole cause of so many vacant pulpits." That's the "Solution of the Problem."

Now to "solve that solution." They tell us that the astrolabe of Sir James Harchell discovered that a given star was to appear at a certain time. The stargazers watched in vain for its arrival, then trained their instruments in another direction to find a much larger star which controlled and held back the other star. Thus the "why" the first star didn't arrive on time. I think he will agree with me as to why the church is "unwilling">

First, because many of our members have been "herded" into the church like cattle into a railroad car, with no explanation, took no obligation nor serious thought. Many of the preachers (God bless them) used that damming minimizing phrase unknown to the New Testament, "all you have to do, is Believe, Re-Protest and be baptized." Is it any wonder that that's all they'll do? And don't half do that? Joining a Lodge, the duties and obligations are clearly set forth. Those who write insurance states plainly what's the premium and when it's due. How many preachers color their sermons—jet black in the dye of local and daily conditions. Indeed they have more heat than light.

And finally, let the preacher preach to the people instead of preaching at them. Any common gray squirrel will know the difference and come or go, as the case demands. My forty-five years in the Christian ministry have taught me some things. I cast this, my prescription for the "whit's caldron" of solution of the "problem of the vacant pulpit". If I don't meet you at the National Convention, I'll see you somewhere else, where it's not so hot.

NOTICE!
ALL NEWS MUST BE IN BY SEVENTH OF EACH MONTH
DEAR BROTHER EPPSE:

On May the first, the Ross Street Christian Church at Montgomery was totally destroyed by fire and we are without a church home of our own. However the people have not lost faith. We shall and must rebuild in order to keep that faith.

Our financial goal is ($5,000) five thousand dollars by the first of September, so I'm calling upon all of our friends and fellow disciples to send their contribution in before the first. I am sure I can count on you for a fine contribution.

Yours in Christ,

G. F. LEWIS,
Pastor,
608 Thurman St.,
Montgomery, Ala.

PROF. A. G. HAYGOOD
Young People's Leader
Birmingham, Ala.

Elder J. J. Hawkins, after supplying at Indianapolis, Indiana, for several months under the tutelage of Dr. Peoples, has been sent to the church at Des Moines, Ia.

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MONEY TURNED OVER TO THE CHRISTIAN PLEA TREASURER FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 1942

1. Rev. J. F. Whitfield, 2723 11th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. $2.00
2. Mrs. Pearl Allen, 5634 Helen St., Timwood Place, Ohio (1 sub. 5 Puesa) $1.50
3. Mrs. Lesly Clark, 4118 Prairie Ave., Chicago, Illinois (6 sub.) $4.50
4. Rev. R. Wesley Watson, 2327 Lydia St., Kansas City, Mo. (7 sub.) $5.25
5. Mrs. F. W. Walker, Box 176, London, Ky. (10 Puesa) $1.00

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MRS. H. HEROD
Past President, National Woman's Christian Convention
Indianapolis, Ind.

NEEDY CHURCHES TO GET ASSISTANCE

United Society Trustees Make Annual Appropriations to Work Of Home Missions

At a meeting of the trustees of the United Society at Missions Building, Indianapolis, on June 23, 24, appropriations totaling $16,115 for the missionary year beginning July 1, 1942, were granted to certain churches, organizations, and individuals. White churches in the United States will receive $7,402, Negro churches in the United States, $2,730, miscellaneous appropriations within the United come to an additional $2,520. Canadian appropriations totalled $3,461. The list of appropriations follows:

**United States, White Churches**

- Alabama, Tuscaloosa $600
- Arizona, Globe 300
- Idaho, Moscow 360
- Idaho, Pocatello 300
- Illinois, Chicago
  - Jackson Boulevard $500
  - Kentucky, Hazel Green $600
  - Massachusetts, Haverhill $300
  - Minnesota, Minneapolis (Minneahah) 72
- Minnesota, St. Peter 1,150
- Montana, Miles City 90
- Montana, Lewistown 300
- Nevada, Reno 300
- New Mexico, Carlsbad (for six months) 30
- New Mexico, Santa Fe 300
- North Dakota, Fargo 300
- South Carolina, Greenville 240
- South Carolina, Sumter 200
- South Dakota, Aberdeen 60
- Tennessee, Cleveland 500

**United States, Negro Churches**

- Arkansas, Little Rock 180
- Alabama, Birmingham 90
- California, Los Angeles (Avalon) 360
- Iowa, Des Moines 300
- Kentucky, Georgetown 300
- Michigan, Detroit 300
- Mississippi, Jackson 480
- New York Brooklyn 240
- Ohio, Cleveland 240
- Oklahoma, Tulsa 240

**Miscellaneous, United States**

- Capital Area Christian Missionary Society 500
- Mississippi Christian Missionary Society 700
- R. W. Watson, Negro Tri-State Evangelist 240
- The Christian Plea, Negro paper 400
- Prof. W. O. Gill of Jarvis Christian College for travel 180
- Home and State Missions Planning Council 500

**Canada**

- All-Canada Committee 1,000
- Alberta, Edmonton 150
- British Columbia, Vancouver 800
- Manitoba, Portage in Prairie 300
- Manitoba, Norwood 240
- Nova Scotia, Halifax 218
- Ontario, Windmill Point 200
- Saskatchewan, Regina 480
- Wakelin, Halsey (Western Regional Secretary) 75

Willard M. Wickizer is executive secretary of the Society’s Department of Church Development and Evangelism. William R. Holder is the national director of church maintenance in the department.
This picture was taken while Rev. Arnold was preparing his anniversary sermon in the church study.

MONROE AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Columbus, Ohio
Rev. C. W. Arnold, Minister
Mrs. B. R. Saunders, Reporter

Monroe Ave. Church has just closed a successful year of service. A week marked the third anniversary of Rev. C. W. Arnold as pastor.

The pastor and his good wife were honored in a banquet at the church Monday Evening, July 13th. One hundred and thirty-five members and friends sat down to a delicious banquet dinner in the beautifully decorated dining room of the church and enjoyed a splendid program presented by the members and other outstanding citizens of Columbus. The pastor was presented a purse of $75 and Mrs. Arnold was presented a purse from the Sunday School by Mrs. Mary Fisher, Supt. and also a beautiful evening gown by Deacon and Mrs. Louie Hurley along with many other gifts.

The year just closed was not an easy one but as we took inventory of our accomplishments we were more than thrilled to see what we had done under our competent and beloved pastor. We are sure we could never have accomplished the things we have if our pastor were not the militant leader and worker he is and always encouraged us and assured us that we could when we were feeling it was impossible to do so. But under his faithful, zealous guidance and laboring along with us, we are jubilant in our praises of him and over the way we have come.

Just to list a few of the things we have achieved. Our annual receipts amounted to $2693.00 with 131 members giving. We had four members who gave more than $100.00. Elder Henry Gilbert again leading this year in giving 120.50. We redecorated the interior and exterior of our church building. We have received into our church membership 26 new members, 12 by baptism and 14 otherwise. Two of our young people from our church attended the Philo delphian young people's conference at New Concord, Ohio at which one graduated. Mrs. Arnold served on the faculty at this conference for the second year.

The one thing that has thrilled our hearts most of all, has been our share through loaning or releasing our pastor last fall (with full salary) to the setting up of a new congregation in Akron, Ohio. We are especially proud of Brother Arnold for this step in extending the Kingdom of God. We need more ministers and congregations who are willing to "make disciples" in all of our leading cities. An extra joy came to us when we realized that out of that new congregation has come a splendid young man and his wife who was baptized by Rev. Arnold in Akron and who was ordained to the Christian Ministry by our pastor on May 24th, and this young Timothy is now pastor of our church in Springfield, Ohio. This young man is Mr. George Wright, who holds his B.S., and M.A. from Ohio State University. Mr. Wright was one of the secretaries of the Columbus Urban League for four years.

We are at present in the midst of our financial campaign for subscriptions to our increased budget for the next year. We are also raising our gifts to the Plea and National Convention, which will be reported in Kansas City.
REV. R. L. PETERS
National Evangelist
Winston-Salem, N.C.

EVANGELISM

Today is July 6th. I am writing in haste so as to get this article in the mail in time to reach the editor of the Plea’s desk on time.

I shall not attempt to make a full report in this article of my work. Since leaving Nashville, Tenn., I have spent most of my time in Akron, Ohio and Baltimore, Md., on which I will make a full report in the next issue. The church in Akron has had some set-backs which will soon be remedied.

The meeting here at Mt. Olivet Christian Church, Baltimore, Md., is two weeks old-16 accessions to date, practically all adults ranging from seven to seventy years old. Good crowds, interest increasing at every service. Rev. C. L. Whitfield is minister of this church. He stays busy all the time. He is a great leader and will give a full report of his work when the meeting closes. This church is clear of debt and has more than $500.00 in its treasuries.

I am closing out here on the 10th of July and will be on the field in the Tri-State district and at home in Winston-Salem the balance of July.

All who may want me in revival may write me at my home address, 614 Hickory Street, Winston-Salem, N.C.

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Elder George W. Gore has been elected pastor of Gay Street Christian Church, Nashville, Tennessee.

REV. IRA ASCHE
Elder Ira Ashe, long time pastor of Georgetown, Kentucky church has resigned to take the new work at Akron, Ohio.

THE WHEEL OF TIME
By Mrs. D. Gregory
United Christian Church
Detroit, Mich.

The Wheel of Time rolls on and on
The great men rich and poor,
We all are spokes in this big wheel of time.

This Wheel has rolled for generations
Coming through the night and fog,
Bringing loads of peace and freedom
To the world for all.

We may not have great mights of dollars,
But we with our little dimes,
Can help our great, great nation
Roll this wheel of time.

To give our lives for peace and freedom
We could not better do;
For what is life when bound in bondage?
Ah! that will never be true.

Freedom of religious services
And of our daily schools;
Free to love and help our neighbors
Free to vote for whom we choose.

America, America, Sweet America
How could we ever shrink?
Whatever task to which we are called
To give and serve our country, all.

Fighting not for race or color
For God made all mankind
In His image yes, He formed us
And placed us in this wheel of time.

Victory, Victory, we shall have it
God directs this wheel of time;
He can never lose a battle,
He will help our nation sublime.

ELDER W. K. FOX
Disciple Divinity House, University of Chicago, Illinois

Elder W. K. Fox, Jr., Divinity student of University of Chicago, has been doing clinical work in Alabama. He is sponsored by the Home Missions Department.

A DEEPER CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF THE OFFICIALS
By Prof. William Elster
Deacon of High St. Christian Church
Mt. Sterling, Ky.

Allow me to review with you the meaning of these terms: Deepening—to make or become deeper. Christian—one who believes or professes to believe in Jesus Christ and wears the name of Christian after baptism. Experience—the actual living through an event or events. Officers—officers are of three types, deacons, elders, and deaconesses.

Deeper experience is spoken of in many different ways. In education Thomas Dewey says “We learn to do by doing.” Booker T. Washington said “train the hand as well as the mind,” in other words, work or serve.

Since the church feels its officers are worthy of taking the solemn oath of Deacons and Elders, it is up to the officers not to betray this trust. This can be done through deepening their Christian experience by regular attendance at mid-week services, Bible school services, church services and conventions. An office should be held for the spiritual insight and joy gained.

Most of us know the saying “that experience is the best teacher.” If
The Ladies and Pastor's Aid Societies presented "The Deep River Singers," in a concert Sunday, July 26, 1942, at 4 P.M., at the DuSable High School. Proceeds raised were for the Community Project.

One-day State Conference was held Thursday, July 30, at the Church. Mrs. Cynthia Martin was chairman. The Senior Choir furnished the music.

Friday, July 31st, 1942, at 8:00 P.M., the first Annual Daily Vacation Bible School held their Closing Exercises. Many children of the Church School and community attended. Eighty were enrolled and more than half of the group attended regularly.

Reverend R. H. Davis celebrated his 12th Anniversary Banquet as pastor of the Indiana Avenue Christian Church. It was sponsored by the Senior Choir. This group of singers, though small in number, was the only auxiliary of the church that was functioning in July, 1930, when Rev. Davis came to pastor the church.

We were indeed very happy to have our National President, Reverend R. Wesley Watson to worship with us at the 11:00 o'clock service. Rev. Watson was on his way to Grand Rapids to attend the International Convention. A few brief remarks were made by him, about the National Convention which will be held in Kansas City, Aug. 17 to 23, 1942.

The visiting ministers for July were Rev. F. S. Goldson of Jamaica, B.W.I. and C. B. Spears, guest speakers at the 11:00 o'clock service.

Miss Mary E. Butler of North Middletown and Charles Bramlett had charge of the Young People's Fellowship group development sessions. Miss Bessie Chandler and Miss C. L. Jamison were the visiting team.

All officers were retained except Mrs. Bertha Peak of Lexington, Ill., was succeeded by Mrs. Emily Robinson of Paris as secretary of the Bible school department. A. D. Gault, finance secretary reported at the close an increase of money received over the previous year. A five year program recommended was adapted leading to the 75th annual session in 1947. Next annual meeting will be held at Midway. Elder T. R. Everett is pastor.

MT. BEULAH COLLEGE CLUB NOTES
Mrs. Lesly Clark, Reporter
4119 Prairie Ave., Apt. 3
Chicago, Ill.
Aug. 6, 1942.

Sunday, Aug. 2nd. Our meeting was well attended. Several members whom we had not seen for sometime were present.

A number of important committees were appointed by the president.

The most important committee working now is the 20th Anniversary Committee. In June, 1943, this club will celebrate its 20th anniversary. We hope that all other alumni groups will plan to have representatives here for the occasion.

PROF. T. M. PRATT
National Trustee
Dallas, Texas

All former students are urged to plan to spend your vacation in Chicago at that time. Announcements will be made at various times in the Christian Plea.

Wednesday night, August 5, a large group of club members and friends met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Welch to hear detailed reports on the various activities at S. C. I. given by Mrs. Gertrude Smith Jackson and her daughters Katherine and Betty Lou.

These reports were very fine. It was quite a thrill to get first hand information from these people who were new at S. C. I. Their impressions of the school were good and it is gratifying to know that they have been instrumental in getting two young people to accompany them when they return to school in September.

Mr. Jackson who spent two weeks at S. C. I. with his family at Christmas time gave us his impression of the school and community.

We are not surprised that they fell in love with our great school, because all who spent any length of time there are very deeply and favorably impressed.

Mrs. Rosa Welch left the city Tuesday night for points in California, Washington, Wyoming and Colorado. She plans to be gone four or five weeks. A letter from Mr. Richard Anthony, recently inducted into the armed forces, was read to the Club Sunday.

It was unanimously agreed that we get a "Service Flag" honoring those

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It is very gratifying to say that our Church is making strong efforts to forge ahead. On June 28th to the 9th of July, the Elder W. M. Owens of Winchester, Ky., held a soul-stirring revival. He left no stones unturned, in pointing out and making plain the doctrine of the New Testament Church. There were three young children, who listened to his wonderful message, came forward and acknowledged the Christ. Then he made plain the saying of Jesus Christ; "upon this rock, I build my church." Everyone gave heed to this wonderful message of God.

Now in reference to the article of Elder J. L. Dickerson, Pastor at Covington, Ky. He has given the panacea for the Vacant Pulpits, of the Christian Brotherhood. I wish to commend his judgment on this matter. Our new churches and our old churches will always move slow and slower until there are other Vacant Pulpits.

When the membership learns not to muzzle the ox, that treadeth out the corn, there will be more young men aspiring for the ministry. Pastoring a church is a full-time man's job. A preacher cannot put in eight hours per day in a factory and do justice to a congregation. It is unfair for anyone to look for a preacher to hold a laboring job, to support his family and then measure arms with preachers of other churches, who are being paid from $50.00 to $75.00 per week.

If we really want anything we can get it, if we are willing to pay the price. If a church wants a pastor the thing to do is to call one and give him a living salary.

We have one sister in the church who is on the old age pension and gives one-tenth of it to the church. The church will prosper according to our giving, the pulpit will be supplied according to our givings.

The leadership of Negro churches of Disciples of Christ was well represented at the International Convention here as the following "who's who" among registrants reveals:

From Indiana—R. H. Peoples, national field secretary of Negro churches; Carnella Jamison, field secretary of Negro missionary organizations; Mrs. Geneva Townes; Cleo W. Blackburn, superintendent of Flanner Settlement House, Indianapolis.
PROF. PLEASANT PASSES

Raymond Isaiah Pleasant was born November 23, 1893, in Laurencetburg, Ky. He departed this life, Thursday morning, April 2, at 2:45 A.M., at the age of 51 years. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Carlton Pleasant.

He was married to Mrs. Catherine Utterbach Harris, November 4, 1922. To this union five children were born. He became a member of the Christian Church at the age of 18 years, under the pastorage of Rev. I. H. Moore and was an active member in both church and Sunday School, was ordained as a deacon at the age of 20 years.

He completed his work for his A.B. degree in 1932 and studied on his Master’s degree at Indiana University, and completed the study of embalming at Cincinnati College of Embalming and was licensed as an undertaker in 1914.

He did his first teaching at Georgetown Public School at 18 and was employed there for 13 years. He served as teacher at Laurencetburg Colored High School and soon was appointed principal there, where he served for several years. In 1931 he was elected principal of Dunbar High School at Morgantown, Ky., where he remained for 7 years.

His survivors are a wife, Mrs. Catherine Pleasant; two daughters, Rhea and Naomi Pleasant; one son, Thomas Pleasant; and one step-daughter, Mrs. Lucile Lynem; two brothers, Mr. Hubert B. Pleasant, Paducah, Ky., and Mr. Clyde Pleasant, Louisville, Ky.; one nephew and a host of friends.

A DEEPER CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE

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an officer only heard someone pray and never prayed himself, he would make a poor officer as an example for the other members of the church. In order to have a deeper Christian experience, these are some things an officer should do: (1) serve as a leader and worker; (2) attend services of the church; (3) be a Christian at all times; (4) give the missions; (5) pray for courage to be sincere at all times; (6) give freely of their time in their effort to make others Christians.

The life of an officer should be as follows: (1) blameless, so clean in life that none can censure; that is, so Christian in attitude that even a mistake is readily forgiven; (2) sober, dignified, not rowdy and boisterous; (3) able to teach by example, and wholly surrendered to the way of the Lord, day by day.

Every officer should be an evangelist. He should be a evangelist for his own sake and for the sake of the world in which he lives.

Christian revelation and human experience combine to witness to the fact that life and personality are molded not so much by what we possess but by what we share. The present world situation demonstrates without a doubt how without Him men live only a half life and finally perish by the violence of their own unrestrained passions and appetites.

God gave us officers. Officers, at times life demands strong minds,
PASTORLESS CHURCHES
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this a while and trying that a while. A certain pastor brought into the annual conference, increasing each year, a good report of Accessions as well as his Dollar Money. His program was not only to save the sinners outside the church, but the sinners (un-Godly) inside the church. In doing so he had to silence the biggest contributor in his flock. He was indeed a smart pastor. He was a man of the Abraham type who trusted God. Recently he was lifted and transferred to a larger field.

This however may not be considered an apt illustration since it is related to church democracy in reverse, and all the members signed up to loyalty to the system. What then is the solution when the power is equally distributed to the people and leaders, saved or being saved? Let us suggest in this connection that in as much as we hear so often “let the people rule,” that the right of discipline be retained in earth as well as in heaven; that good order be kept up, not excluding the power of the body over the conduct of preachers and in the church of his membership. Every preacher, pastor, evangelist, missionary or secretary ought to have a church home, and also be a member in good standing somewhere.

The great apostasy of the church in its early history was not wholly unlike the present thought to stabilize, fix and make secure positions, and to build a Babel beyond. the magnetic north pole is not a fixed spot. It is true Kentucky is now on the subject of better understanding between pulpit and pew, and pastor and officers, and mutual confidence and respect all round. The magnetic north pole is not a fixed spot. A leading thought may come from the pew, the amen corner or from the rostrum.

NEWS FROM THE CAPITAL CITY
By J. F. Whitfield

In our last report to The Plea we promised to give a more detailed account of the things we are doing at our churches here. But since the National Convention is very near we think it better at this time to say something about it.

First of all we are sending one hundred dollars to the Convention as our part commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the founding of this great Brotherhood Agency, and to make it strong financially so that it shall be able to develop its program already designed to fulfill the hopes of those immortals who made possible this occasion which we celebrate now.

We cannot commend adequately our National Convention Committee who made possible the collection of these funds, neither can we praise too much the fine cooperative spirit of our membership for its unselfish response.

We believe it pertinent to say something concerning the things which challenge our capabilities and potential capacities as workers in this Convention in particular and in our churches incidentally. That is, the matter of some recommendations which came before the Convention last year.

There is not the slightest doubt, in fact it is known, that the theological school idea was conceived by thinkers. But these minds were reflecting a need and a possibility which, at the time they began to project themselves upon our church educational picture, would have been easy of accomplishment if we had kept certain physical plants and equipment then in our hands.

Then there is the matter of maintaining the functioning power of the National Convention. It is not self-sustaining. It must be made so before new responsibilities are accepted else we shall continue to limp in the fashion described so pointedly by the late Patrick H. Moss. He used to say we were like a certain little Mississippi River steam boat which, when it “would blow it could go and when it would go it could not blow.” Then there are the special scholarship funds which we dare not dishonor and desecrate the sacred memory of the venerable heroes of the Faith whom we would immortalize. There is, also the question of adequate support of our National Field Secretary. It seems to us that this item should be given primary consideration for there is no doubt that she has been laboring hard and long to wake up many of our sleeping churches and to bring back to life many that were dead.

When we speak of changing the National Convention Constitution we shudder, for we have neglected so many well-meaning proposals advanced years ago—good ones too. We think as did the late renowned Charles R. Scoville, of whom it was said by one of his contemporaries, late venerable J. Robert Lauderback, that; “There are two things that should be carried out, resolutions and crying babies.”

So, brethren, these times demand that we make few if any resolutions or mandates affecting our lives, for we have not control of ourselves in the larger sense. We have not control of our pocket books in the larger sense. We have not control of our property in the larger sense. If we maintain ourselves as an organization, independent of debt, supporting our workers making secure the foundations of our existing commitments we shall do well in such times as these.

Let us think long and hard about these things. Let us give due credit to those who, inspired by the loftiest sentiments and actuated by a sense of keenest appreciation of our needs, advance the theological school project, but at the same time, be firm in our effort to keep the old ship off the rock. We offer the following recommendation:

**Recommendation**

In view of the acknowledged fact that we are in desperate need of in the doctrine of the Christian Church as promulgated by the founders of the Restoration Movement in America, Thomas Campbell, Alexander Campbell, Barton W. Stone and others, we recommend that the school project which we have had under consideration be treated as an indirect responsibility. That the National Convention do not accept it as its project, but that any person may pledge to pay any amount towards the purchase of the property. But that agents or trustees making purchase shall not be agents or trustees acting under authority of the National Convention.

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Kansas City Convention Scraps Old Constitution

REY WM. (BALTIMORE) TAYLOR
ELECTED NATIONAL PRESIDENT

The 26th Annual Convention of the Disciples of Christ which was held in Kansas City, Mo., the past week was one of the greatest sessions in the history of the institution.

The delegates were warmly received by the citizens of that city. Not only was a hearty welcome extended, but there was an all-out effort to make the entire aggregation happy and comfortable during its visit.

Among the outstanding visitors at the conference were Dr. J. E. Walker of Memphis, Tenn., who is president and founder of the Universal Life Insurance Co., president of the Rev. Wm. (Baltimore) Taylor National Negro Business League and treasurer of the National Convention of Disciples of Christ; Dr. George E. Haynes, secretary of the Department of Race Relations of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ, Indianapolis; Dr. P. C. Washington, president of Jarvis College, Hawkins, Texas; Prof. Merrill R. Eppse, editor of the Christian Plea, and a teacher history at Tennessee State College, Nashville, Tenn.

Dr. R. H. Miller (white) of St. Louis, Mo., editor of the Christian Evangelist, was the principal speaker. He voiced a plea for inter-racial unity, understanding and appreciation among the races of the world. He said the war is an attack upon Christianity and that all peoples, re-

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MERL R. EPPSE, Editor
CONVENTION PRESIDENT
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foreseen circumstances arise, may be
difficult of fulfillment. I shall not in-
dulge in such a gesture. I will say,
however, that I shall perform my of-
cial duties as efficiently as possible,
and with a keen sense of right and
justice to all members and depart-
ments of the convention. It is my
duty to assist in promoting good feel-
ing, to conserve our doctrine, and
promote the purposes for which we
were organized. And so I ask myself
the question—Can I do these things
acceptably to the members? I can
truthfully answer that I will try. I
will assume my duties cheerfully, and
discharge them to the best of my abili-
ty. Again I thank you for the trust
you have reposed in me, for your
sincere expressions of friendship,
and for the advice and assistance
which I may need in the future, and
of which I shall feel free to avail my-
self.
May God give us peace and pros-
perity.

HUNDREDS OF CONGRATULA-
TORY MESSAGES WERE
RECEIVED. AMONG THEM ARE
THE FOLLOWING:

Baltimore Grand
Commandery
Knights of St. John
Baltimore, Md.
September 2, 1942

Dr. W. H. Taylor
1702 Madison Avenue
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Doctor Taylor:
It gives me extreme pleasure to
extend my sincere congratulations
upon your elevation to the presidency
of the National Convention of the
Christian Church, Disciples of Christ.

You have brought honor and distinc-
tion to Baltimore and I am certain
that your tenure of office will leave
the church which you represent richer
for your capable leadership.

Sincerely yours,
CHARLES H. DORSEY
Pres. Baltimore
Grand Commandery

THE INTERDENOMINATIONAL
MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE
OF BALTIMORE AND VICINITY

September 4, 1942

To the Ministerial Brotherhood
and All Whom This May Concern:
This is to certify that we have
known The Rev. W. H. Taylor for
many years, and his work among us
has been valuable and real, and the
length of time and service in one
position is unparalleled, for he has
served as vice-president of the In-
terdenominational Ministerial Alli-
cance of Baltimore and Vicinity for
many years, and could have been
president of this organization had
he accepted the offer, but always re-
 fused, choosing rather to fill the posi-
tion as vice-president, which he did
with honor and integrity, and still
fills this position. Rev. Taylor has
served as vice-president under the
following named presidents: Revs.
Ernest Lyons, J. H. Green, W. H.
Young, Rice, E. W. White, H. E.
Walden, and Junius Gray, the pre-
sent president who is now serving
his third term as presiding officer.

Rev. Taylor's convention honored it-
self as well as Rev. Taylor by electing
him president of that body. Rev. Tay-
lor is dependable, honest, faithful and
conscientious in his dealings with his
brethren. He has the full confidence
of the ministry; and we extend to
him our hearty congratulations and
wish for him peace and prosperity;
health and happiness as leader of his
conventional group and pray sincere-
ly that he may live for many years
and enjoy the fruition of his labor;
and we assure him our entire appro-
\vation in his well begun work.

We are respectfully and humbly yours,

THE INTERDENOMINATIONAL
MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE OF
BALTIMORE AND VICINITY

REV.-DR. JUNIUS GRAY, Pres.
REV. WARD D. YEBB, Sec.

DISCIPLES CONVENTION
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gardless of race or creed must join
together to protest the fundamentals
Christ established.

Dr. Haynes spoke from the sub-
ject, “The Church and War Serv-
ices.” He said that the fundamental
thing now is the unity of mankind to
the doctrine of religion. He contin-
ued by saying that this nation was
founded on the belief that all men
were created equal. “We have ad-
hered to the doctrine of force and
violence in spite of the teachings of
Jesus and peace.” He said, “we talk
and profess one set of ideas while
we live another, talk of brotherhood
while we kill each other’s brother-
hood.” He continued by saying that
in the war today we have to face
actions of three or four generations
ago: He said that science had done
two things to religion, upset old ideas
and brought us together physically.

He said we will win the war, but
the acid test will be to do the just
and brotherly things after the war;
that democracy will not be here for
anybody if it doesn’t help every-
body. He suggested that his audience
get changes in conditions prevailing
in their local communities, so that
when the men come back from the
war they will find what they fought
and died for.

Mr. S. B. Wallick, president of the
Bible School department of the state
of Oklahoma and delegate to the
Convention, was re-elected treasur-
er of the National Bible School de-
partment for the fifth consecutive
year. Mr. Wallick has been superi-
To our own group, we urge a con-
tinuation and enlargement of the he-
ro-like activity exemplified in past crises and to
avail for themselves every opportu-
nity offered in the fields of religion,
health, good housing, education, and
all economic improvements.

We urge all to live clean lives and
to think straight and clearly, to re-
frain from dissipating their economic
and physical assets in riotous living.

Our supreme desire is to live an
abundant life, to labour honestly, and
to love divinely.

To all believers in Christ, and lovers
of democracy, it is your duty to take
a solid stand for your righteous con-
victions, unwaveringly recognizing by
words and deeds the Fatherhood of
God and the brotherhood of man.

NEGRO DISCIPLE PREACHERS

By Rev. C. W. Arnold
Columbus, Ohio

That was a splendid article a few
issues back by Brother L. L. Dick-
erson, a friend, brother and a great
Gospel preacher. Brother Dickerson's
article was true from beginning to
end and was satuated with love, may
I add a line or two on the same sub-
ject.

First of all I don't know of any
preachers who are over-paid in our
churches or any other churches. But
we all know many who are under-
paid and especially is this true among
us. The reason for this lies at the
to door of the minister as well as the
officers and members. Many of our
church officers and members spend
a great deal of time selecting and se-
curity the preacher just right for them
for as low a salary as they
casionally all human beings at one time
are in the ring of the world.

We, the American Negro, mem-
bers of a minority group, are com-
ponent parts of these awful things.

Though despised and rejected in
quarters, with economic, social, reli-
gious and educational bars hindering
us on every hand. Seemingly all civiliz-
ization is being

Living in such an age when men are dying by the millions—hu-
man blood is being spilled in such
large volumes in many places in this
modern world reminding us of rivers
winding their way to the mighty sea.

Seemingly all civilization is being
wrecked.

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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

THE NEW FRONTIER
By W. G. Fox

The pressure of current events undoubtedly pushed the National Convention program this year in the direction of progress. Besides adopting a "Victory for Christ" constitution, there were numerous expressions made by notable Disciple leaders which indicated that we were advancing in religious thought as well as in the promotion of a National program.

"We need some dark skins, some white skins, and some yellow skins covering great minds contributing to the whole of mankind... The Church of the future will be the Church of the gathered."

—Dr. R. H. Miller (Editor of the Christian-Evangelist)

"We must advance with Christ by being concerned about the world and not being color conscious... We must disagree without being disagreeable."

—Rev. W. R. Watson, (Ex-Pres.)

"The National Convention program is a test of the sincerity of the leadership of the Christian Church."

—Mrs. R. B. Bruce, (Nat. Con. Sec.)

"There are times when we can't rationalize our actions with our own "oughtness"... Our problem is to combine intelligence with spiritual insight and reason with piety."

—Prof. W. O. Gill, (Jarvis College)

"The Disciples preached Christ in the splendor of his miracles; in the perfection of his example; in the depth of his humiliation and suffering; as the world's Redeemer... We must preach our churches and pulpits full."

—Rev. W. H. Taylor, (Pres.-Elect)

"Youths and adults must remember that each has something upon which the other can draw... Unless we advance united we cannot advance."

—Rev. Foster L. Craggett, (Pres. of C. Y. F. and C. E.)

"A fine thing to do would be to link the Church with movements which are making for better human rights."

—Mrs. Annie Lee Davis

"This convention is making significant Church history. It must continue to point the way toward the promotion of youth work."

—Rev. R. H. Peoples, (Nat. Sec.)

"The only way to defend democracy is to live it."


These expressions are typical of countless others that were made during the course of the conventions proceedings. In all four of the convention departments definite projects for the year were launched. There were glad signs of the line between the so-called "old school" and "new school" being wiped away. All joined hands, pooled talents, influence and abilities in an all-out advance with Christ to reach the unreached.

THE ABSENT PREACHER
By C. H. Dickerson
Lexington, Ky.

Upon his deathbed, Timothy 2, Chapter 4:5, an old preacher cried out "I have finished my course" and is charging the young preacher to study the word with these four significant words, "Watch, Endure, Work and Make, for I'm through."

There is something painful and pathetic about the man we call the 'absent preacher,' the preacher who somehow won't stay put. He is not lacking in talent or other abilities. We dare not question his sincerity. He was ordained and no doubt did well for a season. What happened? Did he dedicate his life to the ministry? Did he consecrate himself to God? Did he watch, endure, work, make full proof of his ministry? Has he kept his tryst with God? The successful preacher has usually been his friend. The churches have been long on endurance.

If the vacant pulpit is through, let's erase it from the black board and diagram this absent preacher who no doubt desires to stage a comeback to the work of the ministry.

Thousands of thanks for the prayers, tokens, while temporarily out of circulation.

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READ — STUDY — READ

GOD’S LAW OF READJUSTMENT
by Elder George W. Gore, Sr., B.D.
Pastor Historic Gay Street Christian Church
Nashville, Tenn.

A gripping message from the life of one who has tested it for forty years. The essence of the teaching of Jesus made practical.

—Merl R. Eppse, Editor

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S. C. I. NEWS NOTES
By Virginia Nichols

The school year opened on September 7 with a week of the Magnolia Young People's Conference. This week of fellowship and inspiration served as a fine orientation for our school year. Over one hundred conference were enrolled. Mrs. James Wyker of North Jackson, Ohio, served as Dean, and President John Long as Local Director. In addition to some of the S.C.I. faculty, members of the conference faculty included our National Director, R. H. Peoples, Mrs. Peoples, their daughter Miss Perle, and Miss Carnella Jamison, National Secretary of Missionary Organizations. Miss Jamison as our worship speaker delivered several exceptionally fine messages.

On October 1, our enrollment stood at 216—137 in the college and high school departments, 54 in the community schools, and 16 in the industrial department. In spite of the fact that Uncle Sam has many of our young men, this figure is higher than that of the same date last year.

We are now trying the experiment of extending the Intensive Study plan to the ninth and tenth grade. This will permit new students to enter these classes at the beginning of each quarter. We are, therefore, expecting an increase of enrollment at the beginning of the second quarter on November 10.

We are happy to welcome to our faculty our new Dean, Charles C. Mosley, Mrs. Mosley, and sons Gene and Charles, Jr. Mr. Mosley, who in addition to his duties as Dean will serve as Professor of Education, comes to us with a rich experience of study and teaching at Eureka, Colorado State College, Atlanta University, and Jarvis. Mrs. Mosley has been at Jarvis for many years, first as a student, and later as an instructor. Charles, Jr. is a member of the first year college class; Gene is in the second grade.

Other welcome additions to our faculty are Miss Evangeline Morse, Miss Isabel Butler, and Mrs. Miriam Terry. Miss Morse, who holds an A.B. degree from Talladega and an M.A. from Chicago Theological Seminary, is teaching social sciences and speech. Miss Butler, a graduate of Clark College, Atlanta, Georgia, comes as head of the home economics department. She taught last year in Mather High School. Mrs. Terry, who is teaching grades 1-6 in the Community School, has served six and one-half years as a missionary to India. Since her return home in 1940 she has been much in demand as a speaker.

In keeping with the government's policy of gearing the school curriculum to war time needs, S.C.I. will offer courses in typing beginning with the second quarter. Mrs. Mosley will be instructor in this new department.

During the conference much interest was shown in verse speaking. As a result of this interest Miss Morse has organized a verse speaking choir.

The Education Committee of the faculty is working on the problem of reorganizing the curriculum to meet the changing philosophy of education, and to effect an even closer integration of all phases of our work.

Plans are underway for the reorganization of the high school and community school. We are hopeful that this organization will soon make its influence felt throughout the entire community.

Students are enthusiastic about the social life plans for this year. On Saturday, September 26, an all school social was held under the auspices of the Social Committee of which Miss Butler is chairman. The Freshman college class, with Mrs. Gertrude Smith Jackson as sponsor, enjoyed a most enjoyable all school social.

Mrs. Mosley, Mrs. Jackson, and Miss Nichols entertained the faculty and their families at Sunday night supper, October 4. A delightful social hour was enjoyed. These monthly Sunday night suppers have become a regular institution at S.C.I.

Chapel programs have been very interesting and informative. Groups which have presented entertaining programs are the Ministerial Association, Student Council, Biology Class and Rurral Education Class.

President Long has spent the last several weeks in Indiana in the interest of the Emergency Million Campaign. During his absence Mr. R. L. Jacobs has had charge of the Sunday morning church services. At one of these services Mrs. Terry gave an interesting talk on India.

Miss Carnella Jamison is this year teaching the twelfth grade worship class which has charge of the devotional period at Sunday School.

Miss Carnella Jamison was the guest speaker at the opening missionary meeting of the year. The second meeting under the leadership of Mrs. Long was in the form of a radio broadcast from each of our mission fields. Mrs. J. M. Cowan is again president of this organization. Other officers are: Vice-President, Miss Naomi Logier; secretary, Miss Butler; treasurer, Mrs. Mosley; World Call secretary, Mrs. Jacobs.

The Student Council, under the sponsorship of Mrs. Mosley has launched on its year's activities.

Mr. Jacobs and Mr. Homer Thomas drove to Illinois recently to bring home a new corn picker. Gene Thomas accompanied them and visited with his grandparents in Washington, Illinois.

Mr. L. E. Cousins, instructor in social sciences and Bible from 1936 to 1942 was a recent visitor on our campus. He is now a chaplain in the army and was en route to a training school at Harvard University.

Rev. Allsworth, pastor of the white Methodist Church in Edwards, was a recent chapel speaker.

Dr. James A. Crain and J. Edwin Corathers, a forestry expert and candidate for missionary service to China, recently spent several days on our campus inspecting the farm and timber land with a view to suggesting means of conservation. Mr. Corather's report indicates that we are already doing very fine work in the field of soil and timber conservation.

Mr. Samuel Brooks, a former S.C.I. student, is now singing on the Wings Over Jordan program which appears on the Columbia Network every Sunday morning, at 9:30 C.S.T.

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AROUND THE CAMPUS
By Venita O. Carney

JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
Hawkins, Texas

"AROUND THE CAMPUS"

The tempo of the mill wheel slowed a little on May 29 which marked the close of the 1941-1942 school session to be started with renewed vigor on June 1, the opening day of summer school.

Each year has shown an increase in the summer enrollment, and this year 72 were enrolled which represented the largest enrollment we have had since the beginning of the summer school. Activity was intense with class work and extra curricular activities sponsored by the various classes and sometimes with pecuniary consideration in order that there might be financial stability in launching new projects and caring for old debts.

The education classes under the supervision and instruction of Professor W. B. Jones made the most outstanding financial contribution of all groups participating. The Home Economics Department also made a nice showing through its exhibits and financial drives. The department was headed by Mrs. Anna Bell Rand-Wedgeworth for the summer.

One of the highlights of the summer school was the Cooperative Community Conference in July at which time agricultural and educational specialists were brought to the campus to lecture to summer school students and patrons of the community on subjects dealing with family food...
and their daughter, Duryea, motored to the National Convention and spent in August.

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minal at Texarkana, Texas.

in the United States Postal Service.

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resigned his position as Dean of Jar-

Elders and Super-coach of the

The Jarvis Bulldogs resigned to transfer

of newcomers.

I spent five weeks in State Conven-
tions, beginning with the Ken-
tucky Convention. Then I had the Ohio, Piedmont, South Carolina, Geor-
gia, and the two North Carolina Conven-
tions.

I spent four weeks in young peoples
conferences, namely: the Mid-West
Conference at Bonner Springs, Kan-
sas; the Central Conference at Nich-
olasville, Kentucky; the Piedmont Confer-
cence, Martinsville, Virginia; and the Magnolia Conference, South-
ern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mis-
sissippi.

I spent more than two weeks in
Young Meetis and other week-end
meetings. Tulsa and Mobile Youth
Meets, the Winston-Salem Christian
Youth Fellowship meeting, the In-
dianapolis Christian Youth Fellow-
ship Planning Council Meeting, and
several week-end district conventions
are a few of my week-end meetings.

I am supposed to take four weeks
for vacation, but during the past two
years I have been trying to combine
my vacation with some local church
visits. I just do not have enough
time to get around to all the
places I want to go.

When you add these weeks you get a
total of twenty-five, leaving only
twenty-seven to do office work and
program planning plus local church
visits. Well, with five hundred church-
ages to visit and such short time
to get around, I wonder if other
methods might be employed to reach
more churches and to render a greater
service. I covet your suggestions and
help to solve this enormous prob-
lem.

In addition to young peoples
conferences and youth meets. I am
trying to develop Convention Institutes.
This is an attempt to use the state
convention to train leaders for the
total task in the local church. I am
soliciting volunteer service from our
college students, seminary students,
and competent state leaders to help
us put over the program of the In-
itute. We are developing special
conferences in the National Conven-
tions to help both the state and local
church leaders to become more effi-
cient in the work of the local church.

We are soliciting the various depart-
ments of the United Christian Mis-
sionary Society and the Federal Coun-
cell of Churches to send to us specially
trained persons to help lead these
conferences.

I have mentioned a few of the
methods that I am trying, but I feel
that the task is too large to be done

ELDER PEOPLES REPORT TO THE
NATIONAL CONVENTION
KANSAS CITY, MO.
AUGUST 17-23, 1942

The National Secretary of Negro
Churches wishes to make his report
this year by telling how a National
Secretary spends his time. I have
many requests for local church visits,
and I am glad to get them, but some-
times I think you fail to believe me
because I do not get around to all the
churches.

In addition to making local church
visits I attended the following types
of meetings:

1. Interdenominational.
2. General Brotherhood.
3. State Conventions and other state
meetings.
4. Young Peoples Conferences.
5. Youth Meetis and other week-end
meetings.

I spent about four weeks in
interdenominational meetings. The
International Council of Religious Educa-
ution meets in Chicago and is responsi-
ble for planning the International
Sunday School Lessons. The Federal
Council of Churches in America, with
headquarters in New York City, is the voice of the Pro-
testant churches. It meets every two
years but its departments have annual
meetings. I am a member of the De-
partment of Race Relations. The Home
Missions Council of North America,
whose headquarters are in New York
also, is responsible for interdeno-
minational missionary work on government
projects and with migrant workers,
etc. The National Conference of
Church Leaders is sponsored by the
Federal Council and the Home Mis-
sion Council. This is an annual con-
ference composed of Negro and white
leaders who are concerned about im-
proving the Negro churches. The In-
terdenominational Adult and Young
People's Conferences are sponsored by
the International Council of Re-
ligious Education for the purpose of
training denominational leaders. I us-
tually attend one or two every year.

I spent about six weeks in general
brotherhood meetings. Most of which
are familiar to those who attend the
National Convention. I spent about
one week each in the National and
International Conventions, and one
week in the Field Staff meeting of
the Department of Religious Educa-
tion. In addition I spent several days
each in the Division of Education staff
meeting, National State Secre-
taries meeting, Unified Promotion
meetings, Home and State Missions
Planning Council meeting, and the
Curriculum Committee meetings. I
could mention special committee meet-
ings growing out of these Brother-
hood relationships.

Miss V. O. Carney visited her par-
ents in Topeka, Kansas for two weeks
in August.

Professor and Mrs. E. J. Dickson
and their daughter, Duryea, motored
to the National Convention and spent
a short time at the home of Mrs.
Dickson's parents in Emporia, Kan-
sas enroute to and returning from the
convention.

Last minute preparations are being
made for the opening of school, Sep-
tember 15, at which time many Jarvis-
ites are expected to return. Prospects
seem favorable for a large number
of newcomers.

conservation, farm production pro-
grams, the role of the teachers in
communities they serve in educating
the patrons along with the pupils,
and how to meet defense measures
generally. The conference lasted one
week.
by one. I feel that this problem can only be solved when the membership as a whole become concerned and give themselves in finding a solution. I would appreciate having any suggestions from the field. Send them to me at the Missions Building, Indianapolis, Indiana.

_R. H. PEOPLES_

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**MISS JAMISON’S COLUMN**

**MISSIONS TODAY?**

Yes, missions must continue in a day like this. While most of the plans in our nation are at present concerned with defense there are also plans and there have been plans through the ages for an orderly universe. There is a desire for the creation of a stronger fellowship and understanding in the world of nations.

The church must not slacken but must double its Christian faith and undertake its program with a renewed spirit to the end that the people of the world may know and understand Brotherhood. Has there ever been a time in which under- standing and cooperation between men and nations has been so vastly disregarded and not striking by its absence?

There are many reasons then why Christians with all of the strength which they have should hold the world together with their faith and trust in one another. The program of Christian missions provides an avenue for better understanding and cooperation between Christians and non-Christians of many lands. It is also the best method which we have at present of preaching the gospel to all nations thro the mission of healing, teaching, and evangelism. This work must be continued where ever the fields are still open and the work can still be done.

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**1942 CONVENTION**

You should have been present. We cannot tell about everything which happened but it was a great convention.

The Women’s Department of the National Convention made known their willingness and concern about the emergency which the program of mission faces by the payment of a unit of the Emergency Million Dollars which are being raised this year. Pledges were taken toward a second unit and a real campaign among some of our local churches is soon to begin.

Convention Conferences pertaining especially to Women’s Work in the church were in three parts.

The Minister’s wives had breakfast together and held interest sessions around the tables each morning. Their social function and scholarship drive to which the entire convention was invited served its purpose of relaxation and wholesome fellowship.

Missionary Education interests were shared in general, executive and cooperative sessions, all sessions were purposeful but none were of sufficient length to get everything done. George H. Haynes of the Federal Council of Churches was one of the helpful convention guests who rendered us efficient service.

The Awarding of the Loving Cup by Mrs. Orine Cole, Cross Street Church, Little Rock, whose council won the cup last year to her mother Mrs. S. A. Pirtle, Second Church, Muskogee, Oklahoma, whose society won the cup this year, was an experience which will be carried warmly in the hearts of those who witnessed it.

The Radio Skit, “Information Please,” held the interest of the audience and not one person stirred to leave his seat. Some valuable bits of information were given by those who gave the answers. Said one minister later, “That was rich.”

Our National President, Mrs. Johnnie Kirkpatrick seems to have the spirit of missions in the very core of her existence. She gives of herself unselfishly in order that the program of the church and of world missions might go on. She is growing in her leadership and in the appreciation of the women of our Brotherhood.

The total offerings from Missionary organizations 1941-1942 were $2,261.91, an increase over the past year of $205.23. This is cause for rejoicing. An even greater gain is expected in the coming year. The organizations which participated in this gain are to be congratulated and encouraged to continue to meet the needs which are constantly arising.

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**GOALS**

The 1942-43 goals are in your possession. There is need for very careful consideration of your pledge and sincere consecration to the tasks of raising your goal and exceeding it where ever possible.

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**QUARTERLY REPORT BLANKS**

Did you know that only two reports came in for September? Was yours one of them? Will you mail yours before October 31?

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**WOMAN’S DAY**

Have you chosen your Woman’s Day speaker? Are your plans made for the occasion? Are there helps or materials which can be supplied from this office? Will you see that the day is used to promote the program of the church, Christian Missions and Christian Womanhood? Will you describe your program briefly through the columns of Christian Plea and let others know about it?

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**NATIONAL MISSIONARY HONOR ROLL, 1942**

According to a recommendation of the Woman’s Department the names of all those who gave $3 and more for world missions (through the United Christian Missionary Society) were to have their names listed on the Honor Roll.

All names were not in soon enough to be presented at the 1942 Convention. The following list is not complete since all societies did not report their honor roll members. We rejoice that the names of those reported follow:

**Alabama—**

Mrs. M. J. Brown.

**Illinois—**

Mrs. Fenton Hamilton, Rev. R. H. Davis, Mrs. Mabel Davis, Mrs. Sallie Cotter, Mrs. Irene Abernathy, Mrs. Lillian Bythe, Mrs. Estelle Flowers, Mrs. Elizabeth Pickard, Minnie Davis, Mrs. Mattie McGure, Miss Katherine Smith, Mrs. Nellie Smith.

**Indiana—**

Carnella L. Jamison.

**Kentucky—**

Mrs. Johnnie Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Ella Hughes.

**Missouri—**

Mrs. Virgie Weathersby, Mrs. Retta Logan, Mrs. Ola Mae Dunn, Mrs. Mae Davis, Mrs. Frances Gibbs, Mrs. Deets Gray, Mrs. Rosa Propety, Mrs. Lettie Simms, Mrs. Georgia Aldridge, Mrs. Leoneta Wallace, Mrs. Geneva Brown, Mrs. I. M. Jackson, Mrs. Martha Moore, Miss Bessie E. Chandler, Miss Elizabeth Givens, Mrs. Josephine Briscoe, Mrs. Alma Harrison, Mrs. Gladys Negley, Mrs. E. Quaries, Mrs. C. B. Hutchison.

**Oklahoma—**

Mrs. S. A. Pirth.

**Tennessee—**
ACTIVITIES OF THE BROTHERHOOD

FORWARD! TEXAS YOUNG PEOPLE!

By Helen E. Henry
1105 S. 10th St.
Waco, Texas

Youth work in Texas still moves forward, despite the gravity of the hour. The future looks bright—but not rosy.

The year of 1941-42 which is now history was successful and interesting, climaxcd at the convention held at Jarvis, in August, with 27 wonderful young people in attendance. This number represented about a third of the total attendance. These young people were busy from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 in the Bible School, Endeavor Seminar and Mission Study Classes. From these they went to the general assembly, where they cooperated so beautifully with the adult group, even to sitting thru, their pathetic and amusing elections. When they went into their own election period, how peacefully, prayerfully, and gloriously Christ-like they deported themselves.

For the first time the Division will have its own official set-up this year. Miss Cora L. Henry of Palestine, an honor graduate from Lincoln High and Mary Allen, Junior College is the capable president. Miss Almetra Fields of Rockwall, another young lady from the cream of the Texas crop, is the secretary.

The financial efforts for the year were encouraging and to date there are ample funds on hand to take care of our next conventional obligations.

The annual youth program was exceptionally good. The theme—Christian Youth: Healing the Wounds of the World. Each participants contribution was par-excellent. This group always gives due credit to the slogan, “we ain't braggin' but it's understood, whatever we do, we do it good.”

The crowning point was the closing circle, conducted by Miss C. L. Jamison, this service was ended with a special prayer by Mr. E. W. Henry, Jr., our worship leader and speaker in interest of Mr. J. W. Jackson one of the group in camp. The group disbanded silently after Taps, played by C. C. Mosley, Jr., as a special tribute to all the boys in service from the Disciples churches everywhere.

Young people came from the gulf coast to the borders of Oklahoma. Those coming the longest distance, were from the gulf area, they were Misses Leola Page, Tena L. Williams and Vivian Woodard. Some of our churches which have not been very youth conscious were represented with talented youths, from Waxahachie, Miss Jessie L. Tave, Cason; Miss Richanna Rogers, Rockwall; Misses Almetra Fields and Bobbie Gene Green, Paris; Misses Mary Wilburn and Elizabeth Wilson, Fort Worth; Miss Eura Hackett, Waco; G. C. Fisher, Jr., Tyler; Mr. Birdell Dickson the youthful pastor. Since our work began some of the churches have always had representatives on our program, they are Romine, Dallas; Boll St., Dallas; Jacksonville and Jarvis. Our music director this year, was from Romine in person of Miss Louise Brown with Miss Earline Stafford assisting who was from Romine also. The church having the largest number in attendance, Palestine, they were Misses A. L., C. L. and C. D. Henry, Misses Velma and Eunice Gibson and Effie Bowser. We make mention of the unique program of the Greenville, C. M. O. rendered on Sat-
MR. AND MRS. LOUIE HURLEY, COLUMBUS, OHIO
Mr. and Mrs. Louie Hurley celebrated their ninth wedding anniversary at their beautiful home in East Long Street, Columbus, Ohio, September 8, 1942.

Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Smith were guests at the lovely dinner. Mrs. Hurley did a splendid piece of work as chairman of the coed drive last winter. Mr. Hurley is a deacon and the treasurer. Both are very active and faithful members of our Columbus Church.
Texas District Report

Mrs. Maude Davis, Reporter

The clouds were black and angry and hung low, the winds blew, the rain descended, but the spirit of the Holland Brotherhood was still undaunted.

Sunday, August 30, we held our first quarter of the District Board at Holland Chapel Christian Church, and it was a credit to that community to have people turn out in large numbers, regardless of the stormy weather, to praise and worship God, and to give of their means.

It is indeed a pleasure to serve God, with a group of Christian like we have in Holland, whatever the task, they are ready and willing to spend for the Master.

Our State Evangelist Elder H. C. Postom, was with us and gave three inspiring messages, which held the audience spell-bound, made them forget the storm which autographed the sky, and was wreaking havoc in other Texas cities and villages. We all felt like the two disciples on the Emmaus Road as Jesus, unfolded the Scriptures to them—there were two ascensions, one reclaimed and Sgt. Grover C. Bell from Philadelphia, who was the first preacher for the ensuing year.

We thank the State President of the Missionary Society, gave echos from both State and National Convention also admonished the Society of which Mrs. Cora P. Ward was President to co-operate and keep up both State and National goals, urging them to increase their giving for the ensuing year.

We wish to thank Mrs. Cora P. Ward, Sister Early, Sister McClendon, Sister Geo. Dean, Miss Ralph McClelland, Henry Willis, Elders Frank Venable, Ben Early, Lenox Fulcher, who served so well on the entertainment and enrollment committees.

We also thank Miss Vera Robinson for airings of Belton and Principal of the Holland School for her contributions.

We thank Mrs. Ward for the sponsoring of the Young People's Program rendered Saturday evening with very inspiring.

We thank Mrs. Annie Lee Ware, of Temple, for the beautiful solos rendered and all the singers who helped out in a large way.

We thank Mrs. Garrett for music rendered.

We thank our Methodist and Baptist friends for their hearty co-operation.

Last but not least we thank those who prepared food in abundance, barbecue, chickens, vegetables, salads, cakes and pies galore. Looking for the large delegation from Lyons and other places which were rained out.

Thank all churches which have sent in their enrollment which will amount to $50.00 should the other two report like the rest have reported.

Meet us in San Antonio where we have our Popularity Contest and have our Program of Welcome into our district for the San Antonio Brotherhood, November 14-15.

Your Evangelist,

MAUDE DAVIS

STAFFORD CAMPBELL PASSES

The Rev. Stafford Campbell, 74, died Friday, August 14. Funeral services were held Sunday, August 16, at the Paris Christian Church, Paris, Kentucky, where he had served as pastor 43 years. Native of Woodford county, he was ordained to the ministry in 1907, and Mrs. Alexander Campbell who was the first preacher for the colored division of the Midway Christian Church, prior to the 60's. His mother Rosa Campbell too was intensely interested in the great cause of the church, to whom he gave credit for teaching him almost from infancy to read and reread the Bible through and through over and over, perhaps forty times or more.

About 1898 shortly after the death of his older brother the Rev. Alex Campbell, Jr., he was ordained to the ministry. His first and only pastorate was at Paris, Ky. He began as assistant under the late Rev. J. C. Graves who served as pastor and principal of the Paris City School. Following the passing of the Rev. Graves, he continued in full charge.

Over the years his record of baptisms kept pace with the records of deaths and removals. He was never a salaried pastor; no possibility for salary appears. He was universally the largest contributor of money, materials and labor in the church. He was a mechanic, plasterer by trade. Certain building improvements to the building will remain a monument to his memory and service, outside the pulpit. 

Brother Campbell was evangelistic in his pastoral service. He was doctrinal, loyal, convincing and clear. He was a maker of preachers, six of whom may be mentioned.
He was not only a Bible student, but a great reader of history and literature, and was an easy interpreter of verse, comedy or drama.

He was a member of the Lexington Church where he received his ordination. He was known as a successful revivalist in Indianapolis, Chicago, Cincinnati and some other points outside the state of Kentucky.

His survivors are two daughters and three sons, including the Rev. W. D. Campbell of Chicago. At the funeral the Rev. I. H. Moore delivered the address. The Rev. L. L. Dickerson, presided. More than 1200 witnessed the services. Burial was at Lexington.

(A brother, William Campbell of Boston, survive).

THE JACKSON DISTRICT NEWS
Jackson, Mississippi
D. W. Heath

There are only four Churches that make up this district, namely: The College addition Christian Church, North Jackson Christian Church, Southern Christian Institute and The Vicksburg Christian Church. All of these congregations are doing splendid work except one and that is the Vicksburg Church which is without a regular pastor. Nevertheless, Elder Brooks who is in charge at the present has done a fine piece of work here at this place we believe that with a regular pastor the Vicksburg Church could become one of our best churches in the State of Mississippi. The congregation is too small to support a full time minister, but I am hoping that the State Convention will consider, in the very near future, the proposition of raising a fund to support our weaker churches along this line.

The Southern Christian Institute is on the norm only with one exception that is, during the summer months the larger part of the student body was scattered and therefore the church activities were very limited.

The Jackson Churches are now undergoing a complete revolution under the present leadership. We are happy to state that both churches are on the upward march. They have however organized what we call a Cooperative Center, which has put the Church on a full time basis. We are open every day mainly to run our playground and also to supply the community with refreshments and things that the people need for their immediate use in the homes. We are hopeful that this project will develop into an institution through which the church can reach a larger number of people and in which the people can pool their funds and make their living conditions better by letting the Cooperative Center purchase their commodities.

We are now making ready for the State Convention of the churches of Mississippi which will convene in Mound Bayou, Mississippi. We hope to meet all of the people there for the greatest Convention in the history of our church. By the way the State Sunday School Convention was held at the North Jackson Christian Church and the delegates were entertained here at the Cooperative Center. We served two meals a day right at the church which made it very convenient for the whole Convention. The Convention was great. There was some very constructive work was discussed in our Conferences.

DALLAS, TEXAS
REPORT OF DISTRICT NO. 2
ELDER O. B. GARNER
EVANGELIST

After returning from our National Convention which was held in Kansas City, Mo., with the Woodlawn Ave. Church, our enthusiasm is still high. Elder S. S. Myers and his good people made it very pleasant for all of us. Much good was done at this Convention. We are greatly inspired to go forth and do more in Kingdom building.

On August the 30th, our first district convention was held at the Cedar Grove Church, Rockwall, Texas. We had a very successful meeting, though we were pushed for time. Elder W. M. Waterhouse and the loyal members of Cedar Grove did a fine job of entertaining the convention.

The high-light of the convention was the ordination of four fine men for greater service in the Master's vineyard. Brother Bell was ordained to the Christian Ministry. Elder Bell is a member of the Romine Christian Church. The following brethren were from the Cedar Grove Church: Bros. Hill and Young as deacons, and Bro. Price as elder. Those taking part in the ordination service were: Elders L. H. Crawford, C. L. Parks, J. O. Tarver, W. M. Waterhouse and the Evangelist.

The offering was $17.16. We are asking all the Churches in District No. 2 to begin now to make plans to attend the next board. The meeting of the board will be November 29, 1942, at the Bell St. Christian Church, Dallas, Texas. Let us make that a banner meeting.

We solicit your prayers and cooperation.

Bessie Garner, Reporter
Elder W. M. Waterhouse, Pastor
EVANGELISM
By Elder R. L. Peters
National Evangelist
Winston-Salem, N.C.

VA.—W. VA.—N. CAR.
TRI-STATE ECHOES

Thine ears shall hear a word behind thee saying this is the way.

—Isa. 30-21

The churches (11 in number) in this area are progressing nicely except good many of the young men are being called to the army and it is quiet difficult to find those who are qualified to take their places.

Spencer Memorial Church, Winston-Salem, N.C., celebrated the 42nd Anniversary of R. L. Peters' Pastorate in Winston-Salem and the 21st Anniversary of the church.

It was the greatest in the history of the church. All the best quartets, Choral Clubs, and musical talents were on the program. Also, men, women of all professions. Elder Peters was the recipient of a nice purse and many valuable presents from the church and friends in token of their expression for his long years of services in Winston-Salem.

Evangelism

The churches throughout the country are suffering from having to lose a good many of their best boys. Uncle Sam will not have anything but the best physically, mentally and morally. Spencer Memorial Church, Winston-Salem, N.C., sent one ordained young man in ministry to Mayfield, Ky., to take charge of the church, he is of good moral character, splendid education and a splendid preacher, a coming young man and if helped, given a chance he will make an able minister. The school of Evangelism open its third years term with splendid enrollment. Ministers and church
workers of the Baptist and Holiness churches are students in this school.

Rev. O. Zollar of Reidsville, N.C., held the fall revival for Spencer Memorial Church, September 21-30, several united to the church by baptism and the church spiritually revived. Elder O. Zollar is a powerful gospel preacher, and those on the Evangelistic, call him when you need him, he will be too glad to serve. Mrs. O. Zollar who teaches in the school at Reidsville came up on Friday Night and stayed until Sunday Evening, she was a welcome visitor and a great help in the choir.

The National Evangelist has a heavy itinerary and calls coming in every week. Please give exact dates your meeting is to be held when writing.

MIDDLE GEORGIA DISTRICT
PINE HILL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Elder D. L. Williams, Pastor
By Anne Williams
Rt. 2, Box 81
Oconee, Ga.

The Middle Georgia District Convention met with Pine Hill Church on the 29th and 30th of August. Not so many were in attendance owing to war conditions. We feel that we are going forward in the District work, hence, we lined up in March with McLeodun, Grove Church. In May we met with Bethesda Church near Occonee. August found us with Pine Hill Church near Cadwell, Ga. Our financial drive doubled in the second session, and in our third session it tripled. At the close of business an open forum was held, the theme being "How shall we promote the district to reach those not already reached?" The President came first with his fine ideas and was followed by many others speaking upon the subject. The next day the President gave a 20 minute picture view illustrating the A-B-C's of Christian life and living. The pastor, Elder Williams delivered a fine sermon on faithless and fear. Brother Steel, and Brother Thomas were with us from Eastman, Ga. Invitation was extended and the session closed. A basket dinner was served.

ARKANSAS REFLECTIONS

By Mrs. S. L. Bostick
Rt. 2, Box 32
N. Little Rock, Ark.

In regards to the National Meeting of the Disciples of Christ that was held at Kansas City, Mo., August 17-23, to my mind was one among the greatest. It was as largely attended but the spirit was gratifying. With every minister, missionary and Sunday School worker it seemed to be the best. We were met at the train by the good pastor, Elder S. S. Myers and his good people, who tried to make us welcome. It was a pleasure to have the fellowship of these old co-workers and friends. Every day was on a high order. The President, Elder Watson brought a timely and logical message, and the Evangelist, Elder W. M. Martin, of Fullerton, Calif., was interesting. Mrs. R. Bracy spoke on the history of the Negroes and the National Convention which was a masterpiece. Mrs. Bracy really knows the work and program of the Disciples Church. The two young ministers who brought the soul stirring sermons, one from Chicago, Illinois and the other from Winston-Salem, N.C., will some day make great preachers. Elder E. W. Wilbert made a fine address on Christian Education. Elder T. L. Dickerson is on to his job and duty. At 7:30 p.m. we heard a message, "Christian Education Advance with Christ" by our R. H. Peoples, who is a great leader and worker for the future program of kingdom building. Don't forget that great sermon by Elder C. E. Craggett. Mrs. Kirkpatrick, our National Woman's President brought to the good women the message for the need of going forward with the work of Christ. I do not remember one-half of the good paper by Mrs. Annie L. Davis of Springfield, Illinois. Miss Jamison and others were very interesting and one could get the great spirit of doing Missionary work. Our hearts should yet be fired by the soul-stirring sermon delivered by Baltimore Taylor. We should all have returned home with a zeal to work and not shirk. Elder C. L. Whitefield from Baltimore also delivered a spicy sermon. Secretary R. H. Davis of Chicago, is still alive to the work. We cannot forget the Editor of our Plea's message. He dropped some pure thoughts on the races. The Youth Program left an impression on us that we yet have some Moses and Pauls around. Elder R. A. LaTouch from the great city is on to his job. It was a joy to meet Elder Crawford and Dr. Walker and some other that were with us in the beginning of the National Convention. The National workers could not have made a better choice of a leader and minister that.

HERE AND THERE IN NORTH CAROLINA

By Elder John D. Henry
212 Fron Street
Clayton, N.C.

Three weeks of travel were spent in the various conventions of North Carolina. From the 17-19 of September, we were in Four Oaks where from the beginning to end the delegates and officers were present and our own Elder R. L. Peters, ready to go to work. Here we found the field full of young people just out of high school and college at work for the Master. We attended the No. 1 Bible School Convention of the G.

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TERRY ALEXANDER JOINS FISK JUBILEE SINGERS

When thirty people boarded a special Pullman car, Sunday morning, November 22, 1942, the happiest member of the group was young Terry Alexander of Wills Point, Texas, who recently joined the famous Fisk Jubilee Singers.

He is a graduate of Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas. He majored in music under Mrs. Odessa Barker and says he is ever grateful to Mrs. Helen R. Duff of Newton, Kan., for the many kindnesses shown him during his student days.

MRS. J. A. MYERS, the director of the Fisk Jubilee Singers, says that in spite of the fact that she has singers who have studied all over the world that Mr. Alexander shows much promise and that she is expecting great things from him.

He possesses a rare tenor voice and will play a leading part on this tour of the U. S. O. Camps for a month. After this trip he will tour America with the group. He can be reached at Livingstone Hall, Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.

The Hawkins Herald paper reported, January 16, 1941, that of the 863 acres at Jarvis owned by the United Christian Missionary Society, 407 acres have been leased to oil companies. The Humble Oil and Refining Company leased 122 acres, Standolind Oil and Gas Company leased 108 acres and the Magnolia Petroleum Company leased 182 acres. The total amount said to be realized is in the neighborhood of $100,000.00.

Dr. Willard Wickizer, Home Missions Executive has visited Jarvis and as a result of his conferences only scattered items are reported. It is reported that the teachers have secured an increase in salary; that new ranges have been put in the Home Economics Department; the President’s home has been remodeled and some farm tools have been purchased.

Dr. Robert Hopkins, President of the U. C. M. S., reports in the World Call for September, 1942, that from July 1, 1941 to June 30, 1942, the income was $10,692.79. He further states that the trustees decided that one-fourth should be set aside for a reserve, thus making approximately $7,500 available for use. However, for 1942-43, it has been decided that the income shall be divided between S.C.I. and Jarvis in the ratio of $3,500 for the former institution and $4,000 for the latter. Further, the board has decided to use seventy-five percent of the funds available from Jarvis for the Society’s work of Education among Negroes.

It is interesting to observe that there are two philosophies regarding Negro Education as far as white people are concerned. One is the Christian philosophy which selects competent Negroes who know the Negroes’ side of the issues and plan together. This is practiced at Tuskegee, Howard, Fisk and Morehouse and many schools where the education of the Negro has gone forward; the other is the old hangover from slavery which is expressed by a few whites who choose to work on the Negro—

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JARVIS OIL TO AID S. C. I.

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to plan for him, to set up standards for him, and then to select people to carry out the program without complaint. It would be well for all concerned to arrive at a Christian approach in the matter of Race relations. It would stimulate the Negroes to be regarded as Christian people capable of sharing a fellowship for their well-being. The time has passed when Negroes can be developed differently from other people. It has been proven scientifically that they respond to situations and modify their behavior like other people when treated as people. To find these things out it is not necessary to change a white person to a black one but is necessary to catch the feelings and aspirations in a situation.

To understand the above it would be well for our white leaders in the Education of the Negro to eat the menu of Negro students for a week; they should go on the other side of the drawn curtain in the dining room; they should work a year at the rate of ten cents per hour; they should boil clothes in the back yard; they should get sick in a room where there are eleven others; they should have their work time cut for being late; they should dress and then miss their meal because they are not on time; they should be the servant in a home and do all the dirty work year in and out; they should study things that do not apply in making a living; they should graduate from the school and never be called upon to work at the school; they should always have Negroes over them whether they are competent or not.

Preston Taylor left his estate for the benefit of Negroes, Henry Herod's children have finished the best schools in America with the highest degrees, Dr. J. E. Walker has built up a million dollar concern. The four freedoms must be practiced. It is time now for all Christian people to see that the freedom of religion, the freedom of speech, the freedom of fear, and the freedom of want is banished from the earth and that all people are fellowshipped in a brotherly relationship under a just God.

MRS. ROSA PAGE WELCH PARTICIPATED IN CHRISTIAN WORLD INSTITUTE

Kansas City, Kan.

Mrs. Ross Page Welch, a member of the Christian World Institute, participated in a round table discussion Sunday, November 1, at 3:00 p.m. Participants on the program were: J. O. Mcdonald, Secretary of the Federal Council of Churches, O. L. Shelton, pastor of the Independence Boul-

PRESIDENT VISITS OHIO AND KENTUCKY

By W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor, Pres. 1702 Madison Ave., Baltimore, Md.

I arrived in Columbus, Ohio, October 15th, and spoke to the members of the Monroe Ave. Christian Church of which Elder C. W. Arnold is pastor. Elder Arnold is a young and progressive pastor and the church is making rapid progress under his fine leadership. Mrs. Arnold is indeed a helpmate.

On the 16th, in company with Elder Arnold we went to Springfield, Ohio to attend the banquet given by the members of the Fair Street Christian Church. This banquet was given in honor of their pastor, Elder and Mrs. Wright. Too much cannot be said of the fine way the people of Springfield honored them. It was grand.

On the 17th, we arrived in Covington, Ky. to attend the first Executive Meeting of the National Convention under this administration.

The meeting was held at the Robbin Street Christian Church of which Elder L. L. Dickerson is pastor. Elder Dickerson, his wife and people made elaborate preparation for the meeting.

I wish to thank the members of the Committee and others whom the President invited for responding to the call. Your cooperation is encouraging.

In order to conserve space I will not tell you of all business transacted. I am sure the Editor of the Plea and others who were present will tell you in their article; however, I will say that the Executive Committee of the National Board adopted a policy concerning all future conventions wherever held, when there is a difference of opinion as to procedure or policy affecting the convention or its delegation.

The National Convention reserves the right to follow whatever course it may deem wise or necessary. This is a departure from previous procedure in which the local pastor was permitted to approve or reject. It is not the intention of the Convention to run rough-shod over the pastor and local committee, nor does it anticipate any disagreement on any point. But should any difference of opinion arise the pastor and local committee will be required to yield to the will of the Convention.

Elder C. W. Arnold, who will entertain the 1943 National Convention, agreed to this policy. I remained in Covington after the Executive Meeting for two weeks in a revival at the Robbin Street Church. The revival was a success spiritually and financially. Elder and Mrs. Dickerson are outstanding in Covington. They are doing a great work there. Elder Dickerson is considered one of the leading pastors in Covington, regardless of race, creed, or color. I predict a great future for him and the congregation. The members and friends made it pleasant for me. It was a pleasure for me to meet old friends. Elder and Mrs. Devine of Cincinnati. Elder and Mrs. G. E. Letton of Covington. Elder Letton had me to understand that he had completely reformed and would like to be used wherever possible for the ongoing of God's Kingdom. Elder and Mrs. Devine have purchased a beautiful home in Cincinnati. There are two things I would like to see all our ministers to do, purchase a home and join the Pension Fund. You may need both some day. You had better have it and not need it than to need it and not have it. Brethren pray for me.

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GOD'S LAW OF READJUSTMENT

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ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

A COLLABORATOR OF CENTENNIAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH PASSES FROM LABOR TO REWARD

Mrs. Ida Thompson Smith of Paducah, Kentucky, passed quietly away at People's Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri on Sunday morning, October 11, 1942 at 2:00 o'clock. She went to the Hospital September 15, 1942, but had been confined to bed since July 19, 1942. Sister Smith had been failing in health for the last two years. She came to St. Louis in June, 1932 to reside with her sons, Melvin Thompson and her only sister, Mrs. Ella Brooks Thompson.

She loved the people of Paducah and particularly her home church, the Clay Street Christian Church, of which she was a member for over a half century and refused to transfer her membership but was most faithful in her attendance at Centennial, which she helped to establish in 1903.

The St. Louis Christian Churches had long neglected work among their Negro brethren. How the opportunity finally came to them is a unique and inspiring story, a perfectly beautiful story of triumphant faith so characteristic of the Negro people. It was in nineteen hundred and three early in July that Mrs. Ida Thompson Smith, one of two living sisters and collaborators in organizing the Centennial Christian Church, who was then residing in Paducah, Kentucky, was attending the Kentucky State Convention in Louisville, Ky. Near by was the Louisville Bible School.

Between one of the afternoon sessions, Mrs. Smith and Rev. Minor Mace, a young student-pastor, were talking about undeveloped new fields of work. Rev. Mace intimatated that he thought he would prefer organizing and building up a new work. Immediately Mrs. Smith thought of St. Louis, Missouri where her younger sister, Mrs. Ella Brooks, resided unchurched. Upon learning of Brother Mace’s desire, Mrs. Smith offered to defray expenses and provide him with a letter of introduction to her sister, with a view of beginning a church in St. Louis.

Mrs. Smith was as good as her word; she provided him with transportation and expense money and a good, but very brief letter. The brief letter was one of introduction and an expression of deep concern about the Christian Church in St. Louis. Mrs. Brooks was employed at J. C. Strauss’ Studio, Grand and Franklin, where Rev. Mace contacted her about 3:00 o’clock one afternoon in the early spring of 1904 and presented the letter from her elder sister, Mrs. Ida Smith. After reading the letter, Mrs. Ella T. Brooks, radiant with joy, shar-
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W. H. FOX, EDITOR

SHALL WE GAIN AND LOSE?
By Odessa Howard-Waters
Dean of Women and Assistant Professor of Social Science
Jarvis Christian College

President Roosevelt took the first step in increasing the armed forces of our country on May 28, 1940. The nation was told that an Advisory Commission to the Council for National Defense would gear industry to the highest emergency speed ever attained by any nation. We were told that adequate supplies, equipment, and materials would be made available to produce history's greatest stream of airplanes, ships, guns, tanks, ammunition, and other essential war supplies. The nation became war-minded by degrees. There were those who criticized the President, and others who approved his action. Attitudes were divided. When in January, 1941, the Office of Production Management was created to coordinate the manufacturing facilities of the entire nation by seeing that essential materials were delivered at the proper time in proper quantities to manufacturers of defense armament equipment and supplies, the nation was still divided. Many sought to change their personal and business habits to help other nations fight their war. It took long months and a physical attack to bring about our present national spirit regarding the war. Pearl Harbor shocked the nation as a whole to “the necessity of self protection through cooperation and sacrifice with the other democracies.”

Since then, every man, woman, and child in America has known the meaning of sacrifice, for they are denying themselves and the things that were essential and considered essential. All about we hear friends say, “I’m not going to spend money for that now. Things are so unsettled,” or “I’m putting all I can afford into the war effort.” We are using only what we must.” Why? Because we believe we are defending a kind of life that is unique to democracies in general and the United States in particular. Freedom, characterized by our President as the “four Freedoms,” typifies this life. We have prided ourselves in these great freedoms, but the war is teaching us from day to day that free men cannot longer be free alone. If we want to be free we must be free together. Whatever else the age of specialization has produced it has made us dependent upon each other. Depression and war have awakened us to the consciousness that we must all sink or swim together. We have, by virtue of having a solid face toward the enemy abroad, turned a more friendly face toward our neighbors at home and those of the United Nations. With a little more of the Christian ideal, we can and will turn a friendly face toward the entire world. Christians covet freedom for all mankind. The same freedoms which are the ideal of “the American way of life” ought to be the heritage of all of the children of God. Such freedoms will come only through “the Christ way of life.” All of this implies brotherhood.

It is brotherhood that has given us the unifying right to worship, the right to a black skin, the right to define happiness and to choose our opportunities. This brotherhood is something that each man exchanges with another so that he may have it for himself. It is something worthy of defense and protection.

We love the American way of life and the institutions that created it. We could never, therefore, minimize the world spirit that rebels against tyrants and dictators, plots and counterplots, degradation and slavery, and the tread of armed shoes. Religion is vitally involved in our present world plight. Conditions of the moment reveal religious confusion. Are these conditions not dissatisfaction, rejection, denial, criticism, open opposition, perplexity, irreligion, secularism, materialism, and despair? Such conditions challenge the Church to a new kind of pioneering.

A sense of the need for brotherhood, not unlike that now existing to some extent between allied nations and between various groups within the Nations, but operative on the religious area, must prevail. When professed Christians willingly sacrifice for Christ as they are now sacrificing for our nation, faith will permanently disappear. The emphasis of Christianity few have lived up to the religious experience. In the struggle to build a successful civilization, the people that accept world relationships. For the cause of Christianity few have lived up to the requirement of real sacrificing — theturning loose of some thing that means the same as life itself. We have never found ourselves for Christ because we have never quite given ourselves to Him. We have drifted too far from the simple teachings and examples of Jesus. Life has become so complex that we have made our Christianity something apart from life and very difficult. We have never realized that Christianity is primarily an experience, and therefore, we have confused Christian doctrine with Christian experience. In the struggle to build a super-civilization we have accepted values and motives that are contrary to the emphasis of Christianity. These errors combined with social, political, and economic blunders have netted only confusion and dis-order.

One day the bugles will sound, the
destroyers will be docked, the war planes will be grounded, the war will be over. Already economists are planning for the post-war period. They are painting a physical picture of the American economy with its vast forces of trained workers in war industries demobilized and shifted to peace time occupations. Science is painting into its picture a great increase in electrical energy. Sociologists paint a picture with public works so effective that there will be "freedom from want". All see what past mistakes have been and are planning to remedy as nearly as is possible all errors that have in any way contributed to the present world state of affairs. There will be plenty of raw materials, trained man-power, plants, energy, and machine tools to realize all the dreams of the leaders of these institutions. But, shall we be spiritually prepared?

What of the Church? Unless the Church plans along with other constructive forces, we may anticipate another "lost generation" and another world-wide catastrophe that will dwarf our present disaster. We must give religion a chance in the new planning: It, like true democracy, has never been tried. We must now realize as never before the place of religion in world affairs. Individual Christians will have to build a vision of a world of peace and fit themselves into a program for maintaining that peace. Above all they must understand, appreciate, and live up to a Christian philosophy of life. As we plan for the future never again must we make the grave error of condemning other nations or devising methods of escape. Militarists and pacifists alike are called upon to rededicate themselves to the past mistake and make the complete task of building a democratic society where men of good will predominate over men of prejudice and hate, where men foster good will predominating over the best interests of our cooperative institutions. But, shall we be spiritually prepared?

THE NEXT NATIONAL CONVENTION IN PERSPECTIVE

The program of the National Convention has been enthusiastically launched on two significant fronts. Ten days from front our experienced executive secretary begins her offensive, financial campaign. On the other our dynamic president launches his adventurous program of advance.

On Sunday morning, October 4, Mrs. Rosa Bracy brought a challenging message to the Indiana Avenue Christian Church. She emphasized the urgent need of each member making an adequate appraisal of the National Convention in the life and inclusive development of the local church. Such an estimate, she points out, involves among other opportunities and responsibilities the liberal financial support of each member towards the total goals of the convention.

The church responded to her appeal by pledging one hundred dollars or more to the fiscal budget of this important Institution. Nearly one-third of this was raised in cash. The balance will be collected by a special committee appointed by the secretary.

On Sunday night of the same date Mrs. Bracy made another strong appeal to the Southside Christian Church of Chicago, where R. E. LaTouche is doing an unusually fine job. Their response was also enthusiastic and satisfactory.

The first Executive Committee Conference of the present administration was held in Covington, Kentucky, October 17, 1942. The early date of this important meeting after the adjournment of the convention discloses the alertness and business quality of President Taylor.

The following conferees were present: Mrs. Rosa Bracy, Mrs. M. J. Kirkpatrick, Miss Carneilla Jamison, Mrs. Edith Bristow, R. H. Peoples, C. W. Arnold, T. R. Everett, Wm. Owens, M. R. Epple, L. L. Dickerson, R. H. Davis, and W. H. Taylor.

The president's message was thought-provoking and inclusive. Every aspect of our conventional relationships and obligations was carefully analyzed. His policy is to be one of impartial and unselfish service for the best interests of our cooperating churches and agencies. He emphasized very strongly his desire to see that the churches receive greater financial and spiritual benefits from the National Convention.

The observations and discussions on the major problems of our unusual frankness of opinions by each conferee. To the writer, who was a "new" member of this august committee, the entire proceedings were inform-
ing, refreshing and illuminating.

By unanimous vote of the committee our next National Convention will meet with the Monroe Avenue Christian Church, Columbus, Ohio, where C. W. Arnold is the wide-awake pastor. The date, Wednesday after the third Sunday in August, 1943.

Rev. and Mrs. L. L. Dickerson were very generous with their hospitality. They entertained us in their comfortable home and provided for our physical needs as is typical of Kentuckians.

MISS CARNELLA JAMISON'S COLUMN

DECEMBER GIFTS

The birth of the Saviour caused the angels to herald it from the skies. Because the world had waited so long for the new life to begin many years of anticipation had also prepared many for the moment of His coming.

After seeing the star appear the wise men started in search of Him with their gifts. The shepherds of the neighboring hills also came and brought their gifts. These were all gifts for the King. They were gifts of love and appreciation. They were gifts of honor and praise. They were gifts also of sacrifice.

Since that time at the celebration of the birthday of Our Lord, men have given gifts. It is a lovely custom except where commercial interests have stolen the bloom of its essence and left only the coldness of the gift without including the soul of the giver.

This Christmas celebration finds our world sick because our exchange gifts between nations have been too long without the Christian motive. Will you and your church help to make your December gift for world mission full of honor and praise, love and appreciation and of sacrifice for the King of Kings?

Your Woman's Day offering is to be accredited to your goal and the need for increased giving is imperative. December 31 is the close of our second quarter. The carrying of the "Good tidings of great joy" depends on your support of our Brotherhood Missionary enterprise.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

The October issue of Christian Plea reported two September blanks in for the first quarter. During the month of October—first quarter (September)—blanks came from the following societies:

Arkansas: Cross St., Little Rock; Mt. Sinai, North Little Rock.
Indiana: Second Christian, Indianapolis.

Missions: (Young People's Clubs) Centennial, St. Louis; Lathrop Christian, Second Christian, Madison.
North Carolina: Little Salem, Riedsville.
Ohio: Norwood Ave., Dayton; Cedar Ave., Cleveland.
Oklahoma: Second Christian, Muskogee.
Tennessee: E. Vine St., Knoxville.
Texas: (Triangle) Boll Street, and Adult Missionary Society, Boll St., Dallas; Romine St., Dallas.
Virginia: Mt. Olive, Martinsville.

Second quarter reports and offerings due December 31.

SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA CONVENTIONS

South Carolina and Georgia are among those states holding full conventions. It seems an ideal time from many standpoints. The weather is ideal for constructive thinking and hard work and the crops are harvested or can wait a few days. The crops harvested provide ready cash so there is good reason for attending a gathering for fellowship.

This is not to imply that the above reasons exemplify the purposes of the state conventions—far from it. Both states are developing church programs embracing a total Christian Education interest. Leadership is one of the crying needs and South Carolina is going after this need in a definite way as they increase their Educational Fund.

Both states have fields white unto harvest. There is bound up with the congregations much potential leadership.

Never have I found congregations assembled at conventions more sympathetic to the world program of missions and their increasing interest will lift the missionary offerings of both states.

Not only for Georgia and South Carolina this is to be a banner year for every state and its missionary program.

REY. R. H. PEOPLES COLUMN

NATIONAL SECRETARY OF CHURCHES VISITS GOLDSBORO-RALEIGH DISTRICT ASSEMBLY FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR

Secretary Attends the Annual Meeting of the Department of Race Relations of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America

The 70th Annual Meeting of the Assembly was held at the St. Phillip's Church of Christ at Greenville, North Carolina, October 20-23, 1942. About one hundred fifty ministers and many more delegates were present. The National Secretary was accompanied by Rev. M. L. Lambert, of Reidsville, North Carolina. The Chief, Rev. H. D. Davis, and the House gave us a hearty welcome. Rev. Lambert spoke for both of us and brought greetings from the Piedmont District Convention. The National Secretary was invited to address the assembly on Wednesday afternoon. We enjoyed our short stay among the Disciples of Eastern North Carolina and wished for more time to share that wonderful fellowship.

The Twenty-first Annual Meeting of the Department of Race Relations of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America was held in the Riverside Church, New York City, October 8, 1942. Dr. George E. Haynes, who was present in our National Convention, is the Executive Secretary. This was truly a historical meeting. It was more than the usual hearing of reports and the making of speeches.

This report is not ready for release to the public. Watch the Christian Plea for the full report when it is ready.

The National Secretary has been very much on the run since the National Convention. We held our Magnolia Young People's Conference at Southern Christian Institute the week school opened. There was an attendance of over one hundred young people and seventeen faculty members.

On our return we visited Jarvis Christian College, Little Rock Arkansas, and our church in Paducah, Kentucky. Rev. H. Earl Jackson, the new pastor at Paducah, is putting on a real program. The church turned out in large numbers with a fine program. The young people's choir looked beautiful in their new robes; they gave a splendid musical program. Someone has really been working in that church. I could tell from the appearance of things and the fine atmosphere.

We spent two days in Chicago with our churches there. Our engagement had been scheduled by Miss Jamison while she was in school. We were trying to help the young adults of the two churches to plan a program for the year. We hope they were benefited by our efforts. Miss Jamison worshipped with the South Side Church on Sunday morning and I had the pleasure of worshipping with the Indiana Avenue Church. They had a splendid Men's Day Program. The message was fine and the offering very good. Brother Davis and his people are planning to burn the mort-
gage this year. If they do, it will mean raising close to a thousand dollars a year for the past seven years.

We spent several days in Washington, D.C., our nation's capital. We had hoped to visit the Twelfth Street Church, but my communication did not arrive in time for the pastor to make the announcement. I did meet with the “T” Street group and found them somewhat scattered but determined to stick together. They are without a pastor.

In Baltimore I had the good pleasure of visiting with the President of the National Convention and his congregation. Here I was royally entertained. Brother Taylor showed me the evidence of a real community outreach program which his church is conducting for the children of the community. The back yard of the church is the summer playground and the basement a winter playground for after school hours and on Saturday. Mrs. Taylor is the director.

I had the good pleasure of hearing the Governor of Maryland address the Ministerial Alliance and was later introduced to the body as the guest of the vice-president of the Alliance. Brother Taylor was presiding when the Governor arrived.

The next day I had an engagement with the Mt. Olive Church, but unfortunately the letter did not arrive in time for Brother Whitfield to make the announcement. Nevertheless I had a very profitable meeting in planning for the United Christian Education Advance and was also able to give some suggestions on local church organization. A lovely dinner was prepared for me by Mrs. Jones, one of the faithful members. I enjoyed very much being in Baltimore after an absence of two years. Many of the young people had married and brought husbands, wives, and lovely babies for me to view.

My stay in New York was very brief, but I got around to visit three of our churches—the Halsey Street Church, the St. Philip Church, and the Williamsburg Church. I found all three doing fine.

The Williamsburg Church is still keeping up with the payments on its fine church building and has increased the pastor's salary fifty dollars more per month.

The Halsey Street Church has the money in hand ready to remodel its new building as soon as the red tape of the city authorities can be cut. The brotherhood will hear from Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Hancock very soon. They have been busy for these five years laying the groundwork for a strong service institution.

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The last stop before returning home to go to St. Louis for one of our committee meetings, was Bluefield, Virginia and West Virginia. The three churches of that area met together at the Bluefield, Virginia, church.

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At the close of the meeting I received a real surprise. Prof. N. J. Dickerson was introduced for remarks and what did he do but present me with a nice box lunch to be eaten on my way to St. Louis! This lovely box was prepared by Mrs. Julia B. Cecil. I thanked them and was off to catch my train.

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MEET A NORTH CAROLINIAN CHRISTIAN

By Mrs. R. H. Peoples
National Representative of Plea

Do you know Rev. John D. Henry? I am sure you do, for you have met him through the columns of this paper many times. He is the man who writes the "Here and There in North Carolina." May I tell you a little more about him. He is a seven point man:

1. He is one of the most outstanding ministers among our churches in eastern North Carolina.
2. He is a Disciple of Christ and a regular reporter to the Christian Plea.
3. He is a charter member of the Committee which organized the Leadership Training School and Young People's Conference at Kinston, N.C. and has served as instructor there for seven years. This past Summer the enrollment there was 120.
4. He is the Secretary of the Goldsboro-Raleigh District Assembly which position he has held for the past 10 years, and was elected again this year as State Supervisor in the Woman's Home Missions Society.
5. He has done pastoral work in West Virginia and Kansas. Has done Evangelistic work in Oklahoma, and has taught in the public schools of North Carolina for 16 years.
6. He is a member of the Annual County-wide P. T. A. Program Committee of his county.
7. He is a commissioned notary public, and a great political leader in his community.

This brief statement has only given you a vague idea of what this man stands for. Space does not permit me to elaborate further on the fine qualities of this Christian gentleman. I covet for each reader of this article the opportunity to meet him face to face.
**SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE**
Edwards, Mississippi

**Notes from the Dean's Office**

The college classes sponsored an hour of music on Sunday, November 1. The affair proved to be a high point of the school year. The choir of the Friendship Baptist Church of Edwards rendered two numbers. The pastor, Rev. Whitfield of Jackson, was guest speaker. A number of patrons were present. A most welcome guest was Mr. C. W. Plopper of Indianapolis, who was here for his annual audit of our books.

The Y.M.C.A., Mrs. J. B. Mosley, sponsor, conducted a charm school the week of November 3-7. This school was well-attended by student girls and faculty women. The high points of the school were lectures given at the assembly by Miss Cowan, Miss Morse, Mrs. Mosley, Mrs. Rollins, and Miss Nichols. After the assembly period girls were given facials, hair styles, manicures, and personal analysis by a student faculty whose principal was Miss Thelma Moore, an eleventh grader. The school closed with a demonstration tea for all who had participated.

Recent social events have included a “Barnyard” party given by the eleventh grade, a Halloween party given by the twelfth grade, and a moonlight picnic which the Intermediates of the school were given. The center of attention was Miss Davis, who was chosen as the prettiest girl in the school.

The Friendship Baptist Church of Edwards was recently host to the Student Body and Pep Songs. Many of the delegates remained for dinner. We feel that this interchange of programs has won many new friends for us.

Rev. James Sullivan, pastor of the Baptist Church (white) of Clinton, was a recent chapel speaker who was much enjoyed by the students. The final date in the Miss S.C.I. contest is drawing near; the result will be announced in next month’s news. Each class has a candidate for this honor. At a recent chapel program the candidates were presented to the student body and pep songs and yells given in their honor.

The Mississippi State Christian Church Leaders’ Conference will be held at S.C.I., November 27-29. Men of Mississippi will be present for this important conference. The last day will be given over to a meeting of the Jackson District.

Thomas Brooks, one of our students, is District Evangelist.

Plans are being made for our Women’s Day Program the first Sunday in December.

The reorganized P.T.A. held its meeting the last Friday in October. At this time a committee was appointed to work with residents of Edwards in securing some type of recreation center for the students of Edwards.

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We have started a picture gallery of our boys in the service.

As a further service to your locality we are now starting Saturday extension courses in English and Education for the teachers of the public schools.

**NATIONAL CONVENTION NOTICE**

Louisville, Ky.

November 1, 1942

Dear Members:

This is to let you know that the Executive Committee of our National Convention has met and carefully tried to look through the program of the convention. At a later time I feel sure that our fine president will write you more about this meeting.

I can almost hear you say to yourself “What do they want now?” The question you should repeat is, “What can I do to help?” After all, aren’t we members of this great brotherhood? Isn’t its problem our problem? If it goes smoothly along aren’t we justly proud? If things get a bit tangled aren’t we curious to find a solution? By now you are quite concerned about the request of our brotherhood.

It was definitely decided that the minutes of the convention be distributed not later than January 1 and the secretary was told to go forward with the printing arrangements for the same. He has gone forth on faith that you and you and I, too, will come to the fore with a cash donation, (one dollar or more) for the minutes. Send all money to Dr. Walker, 234 Hernando Ave., Memphis, Tennessee. Kindly do this now so the printer can be paid and the minutes can reach you and you and me, too, by the aforementioned date.

Seven men of our brotherhood have already given their donation to this request. They are Elder Taylor, L. L. Dickerson, R. H. Davis, C. W. Arnold, T. R. Everett, R. H. Peoples and Mr. Eppse. Remember this isn’t their minutes, but our minutes. Come, thou, and do likewise. Be sure to state when sending your money to Dr. Walker that it is for the minutes; then he will know how much to send the secretary for the bill.

Trusting that you are a member who is vitally interested and that you will send some cash for the minutes immediately, I remain

Faithfully yours,

(MRS.) E. W. BRISTOW,
Sec’y. of Exec. Com.
ACTIVITIES OF THE BROTHERHOOD

ARKANSAS REPORTS GREAT STATE MEETING  
By Mrs. Bostick
This year the Arkansas State meeting was held in Little Rock where Elder R. F. Hayes and wife spared no pains in its entertainment. It was not largely attended but greatly enjoyed by those there. Sermons were delivered by Elder Haywood Armstrong, Elder J. O. Barnes, Elder L. B. Facen, and the President, Elder R. F. Hayes. Miss Jamison, the National Field Worker, arrived in time for a great conference. The district is in the hands of Elder B. H. Armstrong, and Elder J. W. Forbes of North Little Rock. Great things are in the planning.

GEORGIA STATE CONVENTION REPORT  
By Rev. A. S. Scott.
Miss Carnella Jamison, our field secretary, attended the entire session and gave us helpful information on mission and church work. The cooperation with which the large number of delegates worked in the divisions of the church, school and mission was enjoyed and appreciated. The annual sermon on Friday morning was preached by Rev. D. T. Williams, assisted by Rev. A. S. Scott, and Rev. Thomas. The Memorial sermon Friday night was preached by Rev. Thomas, assisted by Reverends Scott, Butler, and Davis. On Sunday, the closing day, Reverends D. T. Williams, H. J. Johnson, and Davis preached. During this session two deacons and one minister were ordained. Brother Slater Shanks and Brother Nathaniel Benion were ordained as deacons from the Good Hope Christian Church and Brother A. S. Scott, Atlanta, Ga., was ordained to the ministry. A total of $123.91 was raised which included the churches, schools, missions societies and a local program was raised for this session.

NEWS FROM THE OLD ASPARA-GUS BED  
By A. D. Gault
Route 2, Mayslick, Ky.
Dear friends: I just want to say that although the National Convention had to be missed by me this year, I am still on the job here in old Mayslick. Sunday, August 30th, all the officials attended the State Church Officer's Conference held in Paris. On Sept. 30th the Lockland sisters of Cincinnati, Ohio sang for this church. From Sept 29th to Oct. 4, we held our annual fall meeting. Rev. C. B. Gentry of North Middletown, and who has a reputation as a real gospel preacher brought us some fine messages. There were no additions but good results were had by the church. $97.15 was raised. Our offering for Nov. 1st was $11.25, which was added to the church's very nice treasury. The program for the remaining part of this month is to have a song service by the singers from the Robin Street Church, Rev. L. L. Dickerson's church in Covington, Nov. 15, and a rally known as the Emergency Million Day. As many of our boys are on the battle fields fighting to save the country, we are helping to keep the home fires burning.

HERE AND THERE  
By Elder John D. Henry, Dist. Sec'y.
121 Front St., Clayton, N. C.
The Assembly of the Disciples of the Christ in Dunn, North Carolina which is under the leadership of chief Elder W. H. Walker opened well represented and with good reports. This looks as if it will be a banner year. The Western Disciples of Christ opened their Assembly on Oct. 29, at Newton Grove, N. C. There under Chief, Elder R. A. Moore, those good people raised $1,114.31. All officers were retained.

The Goldsboro, and Raleigh Assemblies met with the Philippi Church of Christ, in Greenville, North Carolina. Elder H. D. Davis is their chief. As special guests, they had present, Dr. R. H. Peoples and Elder M. L. Lambert of Reidsville, N. C. Each brought effective sermons which will long be remembered. The changes made were: Elder J. F. Lawlor goes to Philippi, Greenville, N. C. and Elder W. G. Best is to go to Greenleaf, Goldsboro, N. C. Money raised amounted to $1,682.47. Their next meeting will be held at the Kings Chapel Church, Kinston, N. C., October 1943. Read the Plea and pass it on to a neighbor or send it to a soldier.

BROADWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
Rev. William Owens
Winchester, Ky.
The Broadway Christian Church held a re-dedication service during which time they had the pastor of the First Christian Church, and Mr. William Perry of the Church Extension Board with them. After entertaining the State Convention in July they raised enough money to pay off every outstanding debt and thereby became eligible for a $1,000 loan from the church extension board. The white church donated $100, and along with money raised by our loyal members the Winchester Church is one of the prettiest churches in the State of Kentucky. The furnishings of the church and pastor's study was done by the two clubs. Elder I. H. Moore preached for us.

The pastor and his wife were guests at a banquet in honor of Elder George Frazier at the church he has pastored for the past two years in Fairview. Young Frazier left to join the armed forces at Fort Thomas. He was a former member of the Broadway Christian Church. He was ordained as a minister in Mt. Sterling during the convention two years ago. In recognition as a fine minister the District meeting body donated $5.00 to him. Rev. Owens carried on a two weeks meeting for Elder Salvadore Johnson in Detroit, Michigan. During this meeting there were four additions by conversion. A nice attendance was had each night.

EDITOR EPPEE TO SPEAK AT ALAMEDA CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
DECEMBER 20
Elder R. C. Maloy, the dynamic pastor of Alameda Christian Church, Nashville, Tennessee, is planning a special pre-Christian program, December 20th. He has invited Prof. Merlin E. Eppe, Editor of the Christian Plea to speak. Special music will be furnished by some students from Tennessee State College.

Alameda is one of the fastest growing churches in the city. It is to become the University Church because it is located near all the colleges.

LEA AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
Nashville, Tennessee
One would not know the old Lea Avenue Christian Church as it has been recently painted on the outside and redecorated on the inside. The furnace has been repaired and is in excellent condition. The supply pastors bring good sermons and the faithful members continue to support the church. The Lamp Lighters League, a group of young people, meet at the church twice monthly. They have a membership of seventy. Mrs. Preston Taylor was given a surprise birthday dinner, November 9th. Dr. and Mrs. G. L. Meadors, Dr. Jefferson, Prof. and Mrs. M. R. Eppe, Henrietta Eppe, Dorothy Wright and Mr. Leonard Bryant were the guests.
from the music world. The special
was a musical program by friends
tian fellowship. Sunday night there
and enjoyed an hour or two of chris-
church, sat down at the tables, ate
fifty persons who had brought their
After the morning service,
atorium was filled with members and
that this project will awaken in all the
members a desire to serve the church
in whatever capacity they are quali-
fied.

FAIR STREET CHRISTIAN
CHURCH
By Mrs. Daisy S. Frierson
865 Sherman Ave., Springfield, Ohio
Fair St. Christian Church has re-
cently lost one of its faithful and
loyal members in the person of Bro.
Frank J. Frierson. His presence is
greatly missed.
A new minister of the Brotherhood,
the Rev. Geo. O. Wright is the new
pastor of the new Fair St. Christian
church, also new members of the
church are the wife of the pastor,
his father and mother and the mother
of the wife.
Rev. Wright accepted the pastorate
June 7, the first actively carried out
by Elder Wright, was the Ordination
Service of three deaconesses, namely:
Sisters Christine Sydes, Lillie Jan-
uary, and Daisy S. Frierson.
Our prayer is that he may continue
to go forward in the great work.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Mrs. Birdie Lee Compton, Reporter
1025 Cherry Ave., S.E., Canton, Ohio
Elder S. J. Compton, Pastor
Since our pastor, Elder Compton,
is with us on Sunday nights, the ser-
vice is being well attended and the
church is doing fine. He has been
preaching for the Akron Church for
the last three months.
During the month of July, four new
members were added to our list, and
one united in October.
Elder R. L. Peters, a well-known
Evangelist of Winston-Salem was with
us for two weeks. Everyone who
heard him was over-joyed with the
messages he delivered. During this
time eight additions were added to
the church.
Our church is rapidly increasing
but we are still praying for more
people to learn about our Master.

CLARK ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Elder F. C. Cary, Pastor
Mrs. N. T. Fudgen, Reporter
The first Sunday in November the
church observed its seventy-seventh
anniversary. The history of the church
was read by Mrs. L. A. Whyte, Elder

Carey delivered the message.
Many of the members who lived out
of town were notified and responded
through mail. Among those who sent
a donation of $1.00 each were: Mr.
and Mrs. W. D. Pratt, Mr. and Mrs.
Jo. C. Lewis and son, Jno. Wesley,
Mrs. Theresa Griffin McGinnis of
Chicago, Mrs. Chas. Stewart, Jasper,
Texas, Miss Gertrude Honeycutt, Tex-
on, Texas.
The Clark St. Church Club of Chi-
ago sent “Greetings” and several in-
dividual letters.

MT. STERLING, KY.
By J. E. Bean
The High St. Church at Mt. Ster-
ling, Ky. has just closed a very suc-
tessful two-weeks meeting. Rev. Eu-
genie Patterson of Tazewell, Virginia,
was the Evangelist. Inspirational ser-
mons, good music, large attendance,
good spiritual and financial results
were some of the outstanding features
of the meeting. The church was high-
ly pleased with the two-weeks spiri-
tual and financial drive and sent Bro.
Patterson home smiling. Rev. J. E.
Blair has just returned from London,
and Campbellville, Kentucky where
he conducted two revivals and reports
a splendid meeting at each place. The
Sixth District Meeting was largely
attended at Stepstone and all churches
of the District were represented. Mrs.
Edith Wilson Bristow, State President
of Louisville was present, and as usual
gave much information and inspira-
tion to the Institute. The next meet-
ing is to be held at Winchester. A
large number from Mt. Sterling at-
tended the officers' meetings at Paris.
Plenty enthusiasm and interest of the
church prevailed at this meeting. Prof.
J. E. Bean was one of the speakers.
Rev. L. L. Dickerson, State President
and a number of our ministers were
present. This official meeting is grow-
ing and bids fair to accomplish much
in the Brotherhood. Over one hundred
were present. The next meeting will
be at North Middletown, Ky. The goal
for this next meeting, which will be
after Christmas, will be one hundred
officials of the churches in the Blue
Grass and neighboring sections. Mrs.
Stella Blanche Jackson, our efficient
pianist, is visiting her husband in
Camp in Mississippi.

INDIANA AVENUE CHRISTIAN
CHURCH
IN THIRD ANNUAL TEA
4413 Indiana Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Reverend Richard H. Davis, Minister
By Alma P. Cummings
On Sunday, Oct. 25th, 1942, at 3:30
P.M., the Volunteer's Club, under the
leadership of Mrs. Nellie R. Smith,
assisted by Mrs. Olive Mahone Wat-
son, held their third mammoth program and tea at the Parkways. Twenty tables, beautifully decorated with lace table cloths, fall flowers, silver and crystal candle holders and patriotic colors made the setting unusual.

The musical numbers were rendered by a chorus of mixed voices. Soprano and tenor numbers were given by our own Mrs. Elizabeth Pickard and Mr. Albert Stanley. The former president of the Senior Choir, the latter was a winner in the male section. More than two hundred guests and members came out to witness this affair. Many ladies were attired in their beautiful gowns, greeted the guests and served the refreshments.

Attorney Theo. F. Crawley, a graduate of Tennessee A. and I. State College of Nashville, Tenn. and of Chicago Law School, served as master of ceremonies. Proceeds raised were $571.07. This will be applied to the building fund.

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Homecoming Day was celebrated in the usual way. At 11:00 A.M. our pastor preached a sermon very fitting. After service all members and friends were served dinner and had a glorious fellowship.

The Men’s Council under the guidance of Brother John O'Banion, has secured a Service Flag, representing the young men of the church who are serving in the Armed Forces of our country. The following are: William Roach, John Claiborne, Robert Sinclair Bernard Ramsey and Thurman Ramsey; all of whom are serving in the Armed Forces of our country.

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Tuesday evening, Oct 20th.

The Shut-Ins are Sisters Sheulah Smith and Brother Bernard Ramsey and Thurman Ramsey, a winner in the male section. A winner in the female section.

Dr. L. M. Ervin of Chicago was presented to the convention and gave an interesting report on the present-day crisis.

Friday morning, missionary period. Theme: “The Great Commission.” After the devotion, greetings from all societies, appointment of committees, and reports of the secretaries and treasurers. The theme was presented by the president, Mrs. E. A. Daniels. Open forum: “Should All Churches of Christ Obey the Commission?” After a very interesting discussion, the morning session closed.

The Christian Plea is out of debt, all obligations are paid in full. We find that this club is creating much interest and doing a great deal of good for the church.

The Junior Usher Board is sponsoring an auto contest. The one raising the most money will receive a useful prize. The money will be used for uniforms for the members.

The following members attended our National Convention held in Kansas City, Mo., Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Daniels and daughter, Myrtle, Mrs. Gene Watkins and Miss Sarah Lanore. They gave an interesting report of the convention, stating a very enjoyable and profitable convention was held, although the enrollment was not as large as usual, but it did show that those present were there for business.

Miss Myrtle Daniels was elected recording secretary of the C.Y.F. and Mrs. Daniels retained her office as corresponding secretary of the mission society. Also the missionary society gave $100.00 (one unit) to the Emergency Million, plans are on to give another unit soon.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

Conditions have forced me to forego the pleasure of sending a report to the Plea for several months. I hope to be able to stay on the job and send in a report every month.

The sixty-third annual convention of the Disciples of Christ in Tennessee, convened July 23-26, with the East Vine Avenue Christian Church, Knoxville, Rev. E. A. Daniels, pastor; Rev. D. W. Bradley, President of the Convention. Theme of the Convention, “The Church at Work.”

Thursday night, the opening program of welcome was rendered by local talent. Beautiful music was given by the church choir with Mrs. E. A. Daniels in charge. Special numbers were given by Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Hemphill and Miss Myrtle Daniels. Outstanding features of the program were: welcome addresses: Ministerial Alliance, by Rev. F. A. Downer, Pres. Y.M.C.A.; Mr. David Howell.


Church, Mrs. W. E. Ervin.

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Dr. L. M. Ervin of Chicago spent a week with his mother, Mrs. W. E. Ervin and Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Miller. Dr. Ervin’s daughter, Carmen, who is attending school at Southern University in Louisiana, is spending the summer with her grandmother, Mrs. Vivian Beamam and Mrs. Nora Berry, wives of the late Dr. Beamam and Dr. Berry of Cincinnati spent a day and night as guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Miller and Mrs. Ervin on their way to New Orleans, La.
THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Clarksdale, Miss.
Berthella Watts, Reporter

The Christian Church down at Clarksdale, Mississippi is still waving its banner high, living up to the high religious teachings that have always been ours. We believe that wars are not altogether won with guns, tanks, and battles but with the Christ-like spirit living and working in individuals so as to bring about a spirit of unity in all.

The State Convention held at Md. Bayou, Mississippi, July 13-16, were largely attended by members of our church. The helpful information and inspirations, each person who applied himself, received shall really be of great spiritual aid if carried back to our respective church community and put into action.

With the closing of another church year, the members have started making pledges and planning a budget. The cooperation of both the members and the efficient pastor, have supported the church wonderfully well and plan to do even more work in the future.

All affiliated church organizations, the Woman's Missionary Society, the Willing Workers, the Wednesday night Prayer Meeters, the Sunday afternoon Youth's Meeting and the choir, all feel the need of a closer walk with Thee. Consequently, one of our big aims is to share with others the teachings we enjoy and follow, in order that we might lead others to learn to follow Christ.

TRUE VINE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Paris, Texas
Mrs. M. McKinney, Reporter
Rev. T. S. Lyons, Pastor

We are happy to say our church is still struggling on very successfully, both in attendance and finance.

We heartily welcome the Soldiers from Camp Maxey since they are making our church their Christian home. They have given three very beautiful and interesting musicals for our church. They were filled with the wonderful message which he brought. The Jolly Four Quartet gave several selections which raised the spirit to run high. They served us to a wonderful dinner.

The choir is asked to hold services each Sunday at 2:30 P.M.

Our delegates were highly elated over their having attended the State Convention at Jarvis College, Hawkins, Texas. Seeing their needs for service, they have begun more determined to do and give service than ever before. Our prayers go up for their continued interest.

They have organized a Junior Mission and are going to re-organized their Junior Choir, which will add so much to the service.

Sick in the church are Sisters Mary Hunter and Elgie Scales. We hope they will soon be up and at church. Rev. Herndon was at church for the first time in two years. Glad to see him come.

THANKS A MILLION
WORK IN PROGRESS ON THE ROSS ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Montgomery, Alabama
Rev. G. W. Lewis, Pastor
Mrs. Sadie Williams, Reporter

We wish to take this method to thank our friends for their fine contributions that have come in from time to time since the church was destroyed. We are continuing to worship in the Patterson Court Recreation Center. Several drives have been launched successfully, the latest one being a family drive which is still open for delinquent donors. Many donations were received from out of town friends, white and colored.

With the money raised from these drives we have been able to start construction of the new church. With God's help we are hoping to continue these drives that we might raise sufficient funds in order to complete this work. Anyone desiring to send in a contribution may send it to Rev. G. F. Lewis, 608 Thurman St., Montgomery, Ala.

The spiritual side has not lagged the least bit, everyone seems in fine spirit with good attendance each Sunday. Six new members have been added to the church, one from a Baptist church, three from Christian Churches of other cities and two have been baptised. The Sunday School attendance is still progressing under the leadership of Supt. Mrs. Fannie Nix. Now that vacation is over the young people are planning to play an active part in the church program.

We wish to announce the following who sent contributions and to thank all who intend to help us.

Pres. Peter Washington of Jarvis Christian College, $5.00.
Prof. Emmett Dickson, Jarvis College, $1.00.
Dr. J. E. Walker, Memphis, Tenn., $2.00.
Mr. M. W. Bonner, Memphis, Tenn., $1.00.
Mrs. G. R. Harsh, (white), Birmingham, Ala., $10.00.
Mr. Weisner, (white), Birmingham, Ala., $2.00.

Rev. Moses Lambert, $1.00.

ELDERS, DEACONS, MISSIONARIES AND CHRISTIANS—
LET'S MAKE THIS CHRISTMAS — A MERRY ONE FOR ALL
GIVE THE PLEA A CHANCE TO LIVE

Jesus said: In as much as ye have done it unto the least of these my little ones—ye have done it unto me.

And also he said: Go ye unto all the world and preach the gospel.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA is urgently in need of your help. We have been forced to discontinue 452 subscribers who became delinquent and would not pay. Therefore we are appealing to each Christian to do a constructive thing for our Brotherhood. It is this: Secure at least 5 subscribers to the PLEA at a dollar each and send it to the Plea Office at once. You will be doing God's will by helping the little one—The Plea. You will be preaching the message—Act at once—Make a real effort between now and December 15th. We have got to have your support at once.

Yours for a Greater Service,

SUBSCRIBE now for THE CHRISTIAN PLEA
WE NEED YOUR HELP
Negro Disciples in 1942 Year Book

A survey of the 1942 Year Book of the Disciples of Christ shows some facts which should be known by all interested people. The following facts should be used as a basis for future work.

1. There are now 152 vacant pulpits.

2. A. Kentucky has 1 Elder pastoring 8 churches and 2 pastoring 2 churches each.
   B. North Carolina has 1 Elder pastoring 5 churches, 4 pastoring 4 each, 11 pastoring 3 each and 9 pastoring 2 each.
   C. Texas has 1 Elder pastoring 8 churches, 5 pastoring 5 churches each, 2 pastoring 4 each, 1 pastoring 3 each and 3 pastoring 2 each.

3. There are 526 Negro Christian Churches with 238 Negro Christian preachers and 152 vacant pulpits.

4. There are listed 38,420 Negro Disciples church members.

5. 1,154 new Negro members were recruited by Baptism and 1,184 new members were brought into the church otherwise, making a total of 2,338 new members last year.

6. There are 25 cities with a Negro population of over 5,000 each which has no Disciple churches.

7. Of the total 526 Negro churches reported in the Yeark Book—329 were estimate reports and 17 made no reports and 2 not listed. 188 Negro churches therefore reported.


9. Our 526 Negro churches reported from 24 states with no report from Iowa and Colorado Springs.

10. The Home Mission received $67,135.03 for the year.

11. Jarvis College raised on field $32,847.88
    Southern Christian Institute raised on field 19,928.78
    Negro church gave through Unifield Promotion 802.10
    Negro Bible School gave through Unified Promotion 915.74
    Negro Missionary Organization gave thru Unified Promotion 2,274.74
    Negro Christian Endeavor gave 87.73
    Negroes gave to State Societies 109.95
    Negroes gave to National Benevolent 51.47
    Negroes Miscellaneous, Missionary, Benevolent and Emergency gifts to U. C. M. S. 3,617.76

12. 224 Negro churches reported that they raised $130,253.29 for local expenses. The largest amount was $10,000 for the year and the smallest amount was $4.12.

(Editor's Note: Read January PLEA for a more detailed account of Negro Disciples.)

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MEANING OF CHRISTMAS
(Continued from Page 1)

First. Christmas is a time for GIVING UP. Sin; bad habits; selfish pleasures.

Second. Christmas is a time for GIVING IN. Surrender to Christ; acceptance of Him as Prophet, Priest and King.

Third. Christmas is a time for GIVING OUT. Giving, not swapping.

In a time like this, let us think of the real meaning of Christmas and like the shepherds of old we too can "glorify and praise God".

THINKING PERSPECTIVELY
R. H. Davis
Chicago, Illinois

Prof. Merl R. Eppse has made a stirring appeal to Negro Disciples in the last issue of the Christian Plea.

I was amazed when I read, "We have been forced to discontinue 452 subscribers who became delinquent and would not pay." The above sentence carries a serious indictment against 452 members of our Negro Christian Churches. Moreover in my opinion, these delinquent subscribers are the persons who can ill-afford to miss a single issue of The Christian Plea.

Every Minister, elder, deacon, deaconess, Sunday School Superintendent, leader of Missionary groups and leader of Youth Movements, in our Brotherhood has the privilege of exposing his or her mind to five significant religious periodicals every month. The pages of The Christian Plea, Standard and World Call. These three will satisfy our progressives, our middle-of-the-roaders, our fundamentalists and traditional liberals. We expect the rank and file of the Negro Ministry and laity to subscribe for and become regular readers of The Christian Plea.

This periodical occupies an unique place in our Brotherhood. Its historical background is exclusively Negro from the viewpoint of its founding. The Rev. K. R. Brown, Veteran, pioneer preacher-evangelist of Mississippi was the founder. J. B. Lehman, former President of Mt. Beulah College for nearly a half century adopted and grave it a prominent place among our Christian papers.

Our white-co-laborers of Disciples ought to read it regularly to discover what the Negro graduates from Southern Christiana Institute and Jarvis College are doing with their liberal benefactions. The overwhelming majority of Ministers and Members of our Negro Churches ought to subscribe for and read The Plea regularly because it is our only medium of communication and information among our scattered Churches. Moreover, The Christian Plea discloses the relationships and lack of relationships of our Churches to our two Negro schools and our white Colleges. It reveals, in part at least, the mutual fellowships of white and Colored disciples in their larger areas of race-relations and kingdom expansion. It reveals the growing trend among many of our Negro pastors and Missionary workers to become independent leaders of autonomous Churches in strategic centers of Negro population.

We seriously need the vital inspiration which comes from information received through The Christian Plea concerning the ever-enlarging achievements of Frontiersmen and women in great urban centers like Brooklyn, Washington, D. C., Baltimore, Chicago, Los Angeles, St. Louis, Memphis, Kansas City, Mo., etcetera.

The Christian Plea is our responsibility. We need 1000 paid up subscribers by January, 1943. We have the members. We have the money. We need the will to make this urgent need a glorious reality. We can do it. Let us resolve to do it and as quickly as possible.

Our dynamic, efficient Editor is putting his best into the development of this religious periodical of which we are proud. He is appealing to all pastors, church officers and leaders to "Give the Plea a Chance to Live."

A living Plea means more living Churches. It means more creative contributions from a greater number of Christian Adults and youths. It means better training for young men in the Ministry and prospective candidates. It means more aggressive leadership in our local Churches. It means a more optimistic outlook for our weak Churches through the under-girding of a better and bigger National Convention.

Mr. Editor, I hereby dedicate myself to the unfinished task of helping to send in 1000 subscriptions to The Christian Plea by January, 1943. I assume the responsibility for 25.

I wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Successful New Year.

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S COLUMN
By Rev. R. H. Peoples

REACH EVERY PERSON WITH CHRISTIAN TEACHING

What does this statement mean to the people of your church? Has it really become a slogan by which they actually work? What is your church doing to reach every person with Christian teaching?

Forty-Seven Churches Enrolled

Forty-seven churches from nineteen states have enrolled in the United Christian Education Advance. Forty-six of these are our churches, representing eighteen states; one is a Baptist church representing one state.

Check the list below and find your church. If it is not there, it ought to be. Do you see that its name is sent in at once?

Arkansas
Oak Grove (No. 2), Scott
Little Rock, Cross St.
R. H. PEOPLE'S COLUMN

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Mt. Sinai, N. Little Rock
California
Los Angeles, Avalon Blvd.
Los Angeles, Cosmopolitan
Georgia
Hartwell—Baptist
Illinois
Chicago, Indiana Ave.
Chicago, South Side
Indiana
Indianapolis, Second
Kansas
Atchison, Second
Parsons, 23rd Street
Wichita, Indiana Ave.
Kentucky
Fairview, Sharpsburg
Winchester, Broadway
Louisville, Central
Louisville, Hill Street
Covington, Robin Street
Maryland
Baltimore, Emanuel
Baltimore, Mt. Olivet
Hagerstown, Second
Michigan
Detroit, United Christian
Detroit, Oakland Street
Mississippi
Napoleon Diggins of Vicksburg, and
Southern Christian Institute
Missouri
Puiton, Second
Jefferson City, 2nd or Elm
Kansas City, Woodland
Frankford, Second
St. Louis, Centennial
North Carolina
Antioch, Winston-Salem
Winston-Salem, Cleveland Ave.
Whston-Salem, Spencer Mem’l.
Mt. Pleasant, Greensboro
St. Peter, Kinston
Reidsville, First
Ohio
Cleveland, Cedar Avenue
Cincinnati, Fifth
Youngstown, Federal Street
Oklahoma
Chicasha, Shepherd Street
Oklahoma City, E. 6th
South Carolina
Ehrhardt, First
Ashton Branch, Lodge
Tennessee
Nashville, Lea Avenue
Texas
Dallas, Romine Street
Fort Worth, E. Annie Street
 Jarvis, Christian College
Virginia
Martinsville, Fayette Street
West Virginia
Bluefield, Jones Street
How many of these churches enrolled are actually trying to do more to reach men and women, young people and children for the Sunday School or other church activities?

Do you have more people coming to church on Sunday morning to worship God? Did your church just sign up for the “Advance,” receive the Certificate of Participation, frame it, and hang it on the wall of the church to be seen by the members and friends? If that is all your church did, I am sure your Sunday School is smaller this Christmas than it was last year.

1943 will soon be here to offer you a new chance to start the Christian Education Advance in your church. We urge the churches that signed up during 1942 to double their determination and their effort to begin the New Year right. We are asking the churches that have not signed up to write us a card saying that you want to join in this program of The United Christian Education Advance. Send the card to R. H. Peoples, Missions Building, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Why So Much Talk About The United Christian Education Advance?

Perhaps you have forgotten what the United Christian Education Advance is. It is the united effort of the Protestant churches of America to put on a better program of Christian education and to do it individually and collectively, in order to reach every person in the community, in the nation, and throughout the world with Christian teaching.

Why The Urgency?

In the United States alone there are 17,000,000 children that receive no Christian instruction; 10,000,000 youth are under no Christian influence; 33,000,000 adults have never confessed Christ. Every community is filled with drinking, gambling, and other evils. The world is sick! Men are filled with greed, lust, and hate because they have turned away from God.

Will Your Church Join In This Advance? (Send Card Today)

Will your church help lead the world back to God? Then join with the other churches of your community and the churches of our brotherhood to build up the spirit of love and trust, to build the spirit of the Great Physician, who came that they might have life and have it more abundantly.

THE PROGRAM OF THE UNITED CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ADVANCE IS TO ADVANCE

In the Home, through
Regular Bible reading and Prayer.
Living as Christians in the Home.
In the Church, through
Increased attendance.
Better teaching for Christian living.

In the Community, through
Bringing every person into the fellowship of the Church.
Churches working together to provide wholesome Christian activities for the children, young people, and adults of the Community.

“REACH EVERY PERSON WITH CHRISTIAN TEACHING.”

START NOW!! ENROLL TODAY!!

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS COLUMN

By Miss Carnella Jamison

BUILD TODAY A CHRISTIAN WORLD

Are you a Christian Builder? Are you willing to build at home; with our South American neighbors, and the rest of the world? Are you willing to build a stronger youth program in your local church? These are some of the questions which will serve as a basis of discussion at youth meets in various states.

The theme: “Build Today for A Christian World” is being used in youth meets this year. There is no question but that the need for a Christian world is apparent. The attempt to build in a world which is changing because of internal upheavals does not quite make sense; yet interpretation must be given and constructive planning must take effect here and now.

Youth throughout our states will ask themselves this question: How can we build a Christian world today? When many of us are involved in the business of destruction? It is a strange paradox. Yet every opportunity must be sought to create and to build. There are bridges of understanding between races to be built, there are courts of justice for all men to be built, there are halls of knowledge and learning to be built for all men, there are houses of worship to be built for humanity, and there are bonds of brotherhood to be constructed and maintained between the men of the nations.

Youth cannot stop here it must build with the children and adults in every home, local community and church. As Christian youth build together they must sing together the prayer of Christian Builders.

“O keep us building Master; May our hands
Ne’er falter when the dream is in our hearts,
When to our ears there come divine commands
And not the pride of sinful will departs;
We build with Thee, O grant enduring worth
Until the heavenly Kingdom comes on earth.”
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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

CHRISTIANITY AND DEMOCRACY
By Sidney A. Scott,
1522 E. 33rd St., Kansas City, Mo.

Christianity simplified is a democratic way of living. The purest form of democracy is best exemplified in the home where all take part in making a way of life that is best for the entire family. Jesus has outlined a way of life that is best for the entire world. Those who put into practice this way of life are called Christians, and different congregations of such persons constitute the church in all christiandom.

It has always been easier to talk this way of life than to live it. Always easier to tell others what and how to do, but hard for us to do it ourselves. If we as Christians would do what we tell others to do, we would have a Christian democratic world.

If we would do unto others what is right and others would do like-wise unto us, there would be less friction in the Christian way of life. We would not need to look for a heaven away off in some unknown space, we would have it right here where we are. There would be no wrongs to be taken care of in a next world, for the law of our lives would be—sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. We would not have a beggar's refuge, for there would be no need for mercy. The kind of justice would reign supreme. Jesus was the first among the prophesied messiahs to command His followers to extend His teachings to all the world. We have been and are yet trying to carry out this command for over 1900 years, and so far as the salvation of the world is concerned, we don't seem to be any nearer our ultimate goal.

About 165 years ago, the people of the United States delegated to themselves a democratic way of life and like the followers of Jesus, have been trying to extend this democratic way of life to all the world. But so far as its effectiveness is concerned, we too, seem to be yet in the twilight of our existence. It seems at this present time, we have lost all sight of Christianity and democracy, and are being carried along by some unknown force or power to the edge of a precipice where with a little more force behind us we will be over the brink.

Fear and a horrible description of eternal punishment hereafter, capital punishment and imprisonment for our immediate wrongs, seems not to halt our onward march to destruction.

Now what? It is a question of Christianity or a question of democracy? We are forced to ask, where is God in such a crisis? It seems that we are left to thrash it out for ourselves. If so, it is plain to see it is a matter of human intellect. Our quota of intelligence is too low. It has been apparent that about one third of all the people were unintelligent enough to lead the other two thirds, but now it seems the scale has been reversed. We are unable to put into practice the Christian and democratic way of life.

We seem to have lost all sight of the inalienable rights of man, life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. To love our neighbors as ourselves, and do unto others as we would be done by. There must be something wrong somewhere, and like everything else that is wrong, has within itself the very ingredients to destroy it.

It looks bad for our Christian and democratic way of life, when we go to war and kill each other. To take what our neighbor has because we are the stronger.

There must be created a higher idea of the love of life. We must actually fall in love with life. Then we will preserve it, for the law of life is love.

The motor power behind all this is the human intellect. I feel justified in repeating myself by saying, that the hope of the world lies in a higher development of man's intelligence to the extent that his religion will be to do right because it is right to do right, and the common good of all concerned will be his reward.

L. L. Dickerson, President Kentucky Convention, Secretary of National Convention; Pastor Robbins Street Church, Covington, Ky.

Editor of The Plea:

In your November issue of the Plea, was an article concerning Jarvis College and its oil leases. It seems to me there is much that our Brotherhood would like to know about our schools in general.

First if the report of The Hawkins Herald that $100,000.00 will be realized from these leases, and the statement from President Hopkins of the U. C. M. S. that $7,500.00 of this amount will be spent on Jarvis and S. C. I, during the year of 1942-1943, who gets the remaining $90,000.00.

In recent months there have been many rumors that reflect upon these two schools and those who are responsible for the policies governing them. So much so that many of us are of the opinion that "certain dark skin gentleman is in the woodpile" although we haven't been able to tell exactly who it is "on the fence." Things like the "poor menu for students" " ten cents an hour for labor," "Eleven sick persons in one
CHICAGO MUSICIANS THRILL NASHVILLE CROWD

Friday, December 4, the spacious auditorium of Tennessee State College, was filled by music lovers to listen to two of the best pianists of the colored race. Mrs. Goldie Guy Martin, organist of the Indiana Avenue Christian Church, Chicago and Mrs. Monroe Trice of Chicago were presented in a Duo-Piano Recital by the Nashville chapters of the colored race. Mrs. Goldie Guy listened to two of the best pianists of the college was filled by music lovers to get employment in the various fields of endeavor have not been asked to serve in positions that would give us a voice in determining policies that affect us. The time has passed when we will swallow any concoction offered us and ask no question.

May I express my appreciation to The Plea and its Editor for the efficient and courageous manner in which it is serving our Brotherhood and I appeal to our leaders to let us all get behind the Plea and make it "all out." The Plea had to drop 452 subscribers for failure to pay their subscriptions. We ought to get 452 new ones in the next 90 days. Covington and Kentucky will do its share. Come on Kentucky let's lead the way. Let every church in the state send in at least one new subscription by February the 1st and the larger churches more.

S. C. I. NEWS

The Queen's contest for Miss S. C. I. came to a successful close with the raising of $165. The eleventh grade class, with Miss Margaret Berry, as their representative has the honor: they raised fifty-two dollars, with the tenth grade class running a close second. The coronation exercise was held on Saturday night, and several town friends were present.

Early morning Thanksgiving services were held in the college auditorium with President Long leading; the choir furnished music.

The verse-choir under the leadership of Miss Evangeline Morse made its initial appearance in assembly Friday morning, November 20. The group of twenty-five students showed thorough training.

The joint P. T. A. meeting of the S. C. I. and Edwards schools met with the Edwards school on the 18th of November. Favorable reports of the proposed recreational center were made. The next meeting will be held at S. C. I.

Meades James M. Cowan, C. P. Rollins, Misses Mary Bassett and Naomi Legier are hostesses for the December Faculty supper.

The conference for state church leaders and workers was well attended. Mr. Poeples and Miss Jami-son were at their post of duty. The Jackson District Convention met on the campus the Sunday following this week-end conference and several state workers remained over for it. The Twelfth grade worship class presented the drama "Wings Over Texas" for the Sunday School devotionals. In the afternoon a group presented a play, "Blessings on This House."

Two of our young men volunteered for the Navy and have been called: Claude Inge is on the campus spending a fifteen day furlough; Willie Dent has not returned since being called for his examination. We lose to the army: Willie Moore of Little Rock, Arkansas, George Barnes of Hermannville, Mississippi, George Barker of Edwards, Mississippi, Napoleon Diggins of Vicksburg, and Mr. Edgar Miller of Edwards. Three of these young men are members of the twelfth grade graduating class.

Twenty-one teachers have enrolled for the Extension course that is offered every Saturday. These teachers come from Port Gibson, Vicksburg, Bolton, Utica, Learned, and Ed-wards.

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The Progressive Community League is still making an effort to carry through the Tri-District immunization program. Dean W. O. Gill is the dynamic stem-winder of the activities and programs of the college and the elementary and high schools in the communities through this organization.

The Freshman Class sponsored a campus talent program on November 13. The evening was filled with unique entertainment and revelation. The class should make a great contribution to the college under the efficient leadership of its president, Donald Jacobs and his co-officers: Miss Helen Harris, secretary; Miss Eloise Burnley, assistant secretary; Mr. Luther Evans, treasurer; and Miss Emma B. Cannon, chairman of the program committee.

The Honor Society with Mrs. C. B. Cross as councilor is launching a unique program for this school session. The Society proposes to sponsor and edit the College Newspaper. Watch for the Jarvis news, editorials, and the promotion of democratic ideals which this project will bring.

Mrs. I. W. Cobb, Head of the Department of English, is working with the Dramatic Club. There might be an exhibition of keen competition among the students of talent on the campus.

Dean Gill is doing an effective piece of work with the church in Tyler, Texas and Dean Dickson with the church in Corinth. "Go ye into all the world" is being practiced by these individuals. It is also hoped that through these efforts, the Department of Religion of the college can make a greater contribution to its surrounding environs.

The Music Department is working on its annual Christmas cantata. Mrs. O. S. Barker presented beautiful Thanksgiving music during the chapel program on November 25. The choir’s rendition of the Thanksgiving anthem carried the audience to unprecedented heights of appreciation.

The Home Economics Club sponsored by Mrs. T. C. Dickson gave a colorful Thanksgiving luncheon on church treasury for the benefit of the church. The sales from the crop this year were very encouraging and the members are planning for a better crop next year.

News From The Evangelistic Department From October 11, to November 15th

We were in the state of Ohio. Two weeks were spent in revival at Canton, Ohio; the balance of the time working in the interest of the newly organized church at Akron, Ohio. Our people at Akron are worshipping in the Y. W. C. A. Building (white). They want a church and would grow faster in a church. We have located a church and parsonage owned by the Roman Catholic Church that is for sale, and can be bought for a very reasonable price. This lot is on a corner of a popular street in the city.

Thirty Day Financial Drive October 25th to November 25th

This is a report of the first fifteen days.

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All turned over to church Building Fund Treasury. No expenses taken out. All expenses were paid by the churches visited. There is a large amount of unpaid pledges that is considered good.

The members of the churches were one hundred per cent in cooperating. Why? Because the ministers were together. When the shepherds get together, the sheep will all get together.

The National Evangelist’s Itinerary for the First Quarter of A. D. 1943 will appear in current issue of "Christian Plea." Any one who may want his services in revivals, etc. write to him at 614 Hickory Street, Winston-Salem, N. C.

P. S.—The Christian Church in the State of Ohio is over four score years old. Number of churches in the state 13—Total membership enrollment around 1,000.
REPORT OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Clarksdale, Miss.
Reporter—Berthella Watts

The first Christian Church is still rating high in doing work for the Master. Just now Bonds have been given to members who were faithful and able to pay their pledges during the last year’s work toward completing the church. The Bonds were given on last Sunday by the pastor, Elder E. W. Griffins.

The new year’s work has begun. All members took out new pledge cards and more have pledged to pay their pledges out.

We are also planning now for our spring revival at which time we hope to be entertained again by our National evangelist. All members have pledged to pay from $1.50 to $2.00. The drive closes on the 5th Sunday in November. We hope for a great success and raise the sum of $200.00.

LONDON CHRISTIAN CHURCH
London, Ky.

Elder Wm. Walker, Pastor
Gertrude Smith, Reporter

This is the third report I have sent in since July but evidently they found their way to the waste paper basket or some other out look. Nevertheless London is marching onward with Christ at the head of the Column.

We have been doing splendid work here at London. With a large delegation to the State Convention, a delegate to the National, a splendid rally with a financial report of $80.00 and a splendid gift of a large Holy Bible from Rev. Annie Houston a member of the A. M. E. Church. Also had a lovely revival in the latter part of October with Rev. J. E. Blair officiating. Mr. James Riley came to the church by conversion and is working like a veteran at this writing. The financial report was forty dollars.

The Bible School gave a very fine Thanksgiving Service during the month of November, dedicating their offering the 29.

The Missionary Society held the 29th of November as their Woman’s Day. The meeting was well attended and enjoyed a social hour with tea and cookies.

We are planning now for the Christmas holiday. Bible School with a tree and program. A special church service and the Missionary planning socials for our boys home on furloughs.

The Missionary is having a bazaar in connection with their regular monthly meeting. The Junior Missionary Council is progressing slowly but surely.

ROANOKE AT WORK
203 Gilmer Avenue N. W.
Roanoke, Virginia

NINTH AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

M. C. Dickson, Minister

Roanoke, being located at the mouth of the Shennadoah valley, at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains, makes an ideal place for the Ninth Avenue Christian Church to say with the writer of old, “Look unto the hills from which cometh my help. The Lord has wonderfully blessed our Church this year. Some of the many ways we have been blessed are:

Three years ago when we came to this field the church was at a low ebb. Many of the members were scattered and very much discouraged. There was a $5,500.00 debt hanging over the church, as a great ghost to frighten them by night, and as a parasite by day to suck the spiritual life from the members. But with the help of God and the cooperation of the members we were able to burn the Mortgage on Thanksgiving Day, 1942. Today the Ninth Avenue Christian Church owe no man anything. It is in the best condition that the church has ever been in the past twenty-five years, says some of the older members who have been with the church for a long time.

Beginning September 22, and closing October 23, we launched our annual Fall rally; and at the close of that thirty day period there was laid on the table $750.00 and more came in later. Special credit is due the following persons for the results of this rally: Mr. S. W. Hylton, Mr. W. M. Dodd, Mrs. Mary E. Palmer, Mrs. Callie Spencer, Mrs. Nannie Turner, Mrs. Pearl Turner, Mrs. Robbie Hale, Mrs. Georgia Lee, Mr. Clarence Cooper, Mr. Albert Prince, Mr. George Penn, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Penn, Mrs. Lillie Prunty, Mrs. Lillie Dodd, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Houchins, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Brown, Mr. G. E. Turner, Janice Hylton, and Elaine Dodd.

Elder W. H. Taylor, of Baltimore, Maryland spent five nights with us in early November. Elder Taylor is a great preacher and brought to our church many good truths and spiritual strength. The church was revived and the fellowship was great. We have a great leader at the head of our National Convention let us give him our complete support.

Sunday night November 22, the program was one of the best I have ever seen. As you know the offering that day and night went to help pay our portion to the United Christian Missionary Society.

Thanksgiving Day November 26th, was observed by having a Thanksgiving and Mortgage Burning Services combined. It was a happy day for the Church to be able to shake off all of its indebtedness. The program consisted of music by a visiting choir, sermon, Rev. T. L. Scott, Roanoke, Va., and expressions by many. The offering was $40.26.

PATTISON, MISS.

Brother L. C. Wallace who has labored in the Christian work more than 50 years is seriously ill at his home here.

His daughter Minnie Wallace a Memphis composer is at his bedside to help Miss Sallie Wallace nurse their father. Mrs. Annie P. Johnson another daughter of Mound Bayou, Miss., has been with her father. Miss Minnie Wallace and Rev. L. C. Wallace are now composing a new spiritual. The title is “We’ll have a time. This spiritual is expected to be one of the most outstanding religious songs of the world.

REV. OWENS, GERMANTOWN SPEAKER

By A. M. Parker
Brooksville, Ky.

During the week of November 8-15, Rev. W. M. Owens, pastor of the Winchester Christian Church held a very inspirational Revival at the Germantown Christian Church of Germantown, Kentucky.

While in the city, he visited the Germantown “B” School and further inspired the pupils of the community by his interest and encouraging remarks leaving in their minds fertile seed for their moral growth. Mrs. A. M. Parker, teacher of the school, expressed her appreciation of Rev. Owens’ attitude toward the development of youth both spiritually and educationally.

MISSISSIPPI BOULEVARD CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS

Mrs. C. E. Rowan, Reporter
852 Polk St.
Memphis, Tenn.

The Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church observed World Wide Communion Service Sunday, October 4, 1942. The pastor, Rev. Blair T. Hunt, spoke on “POWER IN THE BLOOD”. There were eight additions —five by baptism and three from other communions. History repeated itself, in that four years ago at the
Dedicatory Services of the newly built church were five baptisms.

Revival Meeting was carried on for a week in September by Rev. T. E. Brooks of Bluefield, West Virginia, a young and talented minister. All who heard his soul stirring sermons and gospel songs proclaimed him as one of the best. The whole church was helped and as an aftermath of the revival several have been added to the church. Rev. Brooks is now in school at Edwards College, Edwards, Miss. We are hoping to have him back with us in the Spring of next year.

The church misses the presence of the young men that have left for the U. S. Armed Forces. An Honor Roll consisting of the draftees names and addresses has been placed in the vestibule, so that any member or friend might write to the soldiers, thus lightening their cares and spreading joy among them.

REPORT OF YOUNGSTOWN CHURCH

W. J. Ayers, Reporter

Brother F. T. Barnett, the pastor of the Youngstown Church underwent an operation and is now confined at his home in Cleveland. Yet in spite of the handicap, the Youngstown Church has been "carrying on" just as if the preacher were here. The elders, who are the scriptural pastors of the church, are holding regular church services each Lord's Day. Brother Stephen is commended—he has been filling the pulpit and has delivered some much needed sermons. Most of the members of the church have shown their loyalty by attending church regularly. We must admit, however, that in this church as in all churches there are still those who are followers of men. As in the days of the Apostle Paul, men are still saying "I am of Paul, another, I am of Cephas," etc., etc. It is a distressing thing to find men and women who, seemingly, are loyal to Christ and to His cause, but in fact are more loyal to men. When the preacher is unable to be on the job, and in the pulpit, these modern Paulines, and Cephasites can be found anywhere else but at the church. I don't know who is to blame, whether the preacher or the church members. In many cases the preachers have led the people to believe that they (the preachers) are great church builders. Some of our good brothers have boasted with such statements, "I took so and so in the church. I built the church at such and such a place." Little do these good brethren realize that Christ said and still says, "I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH," and "The Lord adds those that are being saved.” When the church is CHRIST-CENTERED it will grow and grow. When it is otherwise centered it will fail and straggle along and become a humbug.

Our Bible School is progressing. Many new faces, young faces are visible each Lord's Day. Our loyal teachers are active on the job. Our prayer is that Brother Barnett will soon recover and be back with us.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT NUMBER TWO

Nov. 23th—29th 1942
Dallas, Texas

We have just closed a highly successful district meeting at the Boll Street Christian Church, Elder C. L. Parks pastor. A warm and enthusiastic fellowship was shown throughout the meeting. Each night was packed with spiritual feasting. Monday night, the Missionary Society sponsored the program. Elder John Eubanks was the principal speaker. Tuesday night, the Senior Choir sponsored the program. Our hearts were lifted to the highest heights with their glorious singing. Dr. R. A. Henderson was the principal speaker. Wednesday night the Usher Board had charge of the program. This night we were also carried to the mountain top. Rev. C. C. Choice, pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church preached a great sermon. We took off Thursday night to celebrate our annual Thanksgiving and to attend the football game, some of us. We came back Friday night to be wafted away on the wings of songs by that great Junior Choir of the Boll St. Christian Church. Too much cannot be said about this fine group of singers and its very fine and capable leader, Mrs. E. B. Weems. Mrs. Weems is truly a trainer of young voices. She is so patient, loyal kind and generous. She is a priceless asset to the Church and community.

The convention was closed Sunday afternoon with a program by the men, the Bible School, and Christian Endeavor of the Boll St. Church. Brother Tony Traevenio, master of ceremony. Prof. Joseph McMillian, principal of Wheatley School, was the speaker.

The Churches that comprise district no. 2 reported as follows: Elder Groves, Rockwall, Elder William Waterhouse, pastor—$2.50; Wyatt St., Waxahachie, Elder B. R. Garner, pastor—$6.25; 13th St., Corsicana, Elder Edwin M. Hurdle, pastor—$3.20; Boll St., Dallas, Elder C. L. Parks, pastor—$3.46; Romine St., Dallas, Elder L. H. Crawford, pastor—East Annie St., Ft. Worth, Elder S. J. Sanson, pastor—$7.00; Total $53.35.

ROBBIN ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH CELEBRATES PASTOR'S 5TH ANNIVERSARY

By Mrs. Lureatha B. Chenault
27 West 15th St., Covingtn, Kentucky

The Robbin St. Christian church of Covington, Ky., celebrated the 5th Anniversary of its pastor the Elder L. L. Dickerson, President of the State Convention and Secretary of the National Convention.

The celebration was November 15 through 20. Beginning on Sunday afternoon Rev. K. B. Bowen of the Madison Avenue Christian Church (white) and Rev. Harsell of the First Christian Church (white) and a large Madison Avenue Christian Church were present. The service was in charge of Rev. Bowen. Rev. Harsell made remarks.

One of the auxiliaries of the church was in charge of the service each of the five nights that comprised the celebration. Among the guest speakers was Elder H. E. Fowler, pastor of the Christian Churches of Lockland and Oxford, Ohio and former pastor of Robbin St.

Addresses expressing the love and appreciation of the church and its auxiliaries for the great work our pastor has done and is still doing were made by the following persons: Mrs. Magvernon Jones, President of the Choir; Mrs. Grace Woods, Supt. of Bible School; Mrs. Emma Lee, Treasurer of Missionary Committee; Mr. Virgil Woods, President of the Men's Council; Mrs. Myrtle Thompson, Mrs. Mamie Holly and Mr. Albert Wilson, Elder and Mrs. Alice Washington, Brother Wilson and Sister Washington are charter members.

On Friday evening the pastor was presented with a purse of $75.00 which expresses in a small way our great love, appreciation and loyalty, and devotion for him.

The Anniversary program was planned and directed entirely by a committee appointed by the church. The members of the committee to whom the pastor and church are very grateful for a successful anniversary celebration are: Mrs. Myrtle Thompson, Mrs. Grace Woods, Mrs. Magvernon Jones, Mrs. Estelle Duvall, Mrs. Mary Hill, Mr. Virgil Thompson and Mrs. Lureatha Brown Chenault, Chairman.

During the time of Elder Dickerson's pastorate he has had many obstacles to overcome and he and his family have made many sacrifices for
the benefit of the church. The membership has doubled and the offerings have increased 300 per cent and the church debt reduced from $8,000 to $2,000. To all that was said about him during this celebration, Elder Dickerson's only response was that it was all due to the devotion and loyalty of his membership.

CHURCHES ASKED TO HOLD HISTORICAL SERVICES, JANUARY 17TH

At a meeting of the administrative officers of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society held at Canton, Missouri, November 6 and 7, it was suggested that churches observe the third Sunday, and that ministers be asked to preach an appropriate sermon on an historical theme. With renewed appreciation for our history should come an interest in the collection, preservation, and use of our historical materials, which should result in valuable books, periodicals, pamphlets and manuscript records being sent to one of our several collections, or to the Curator of the Historical Society. All persons interested in the work of the Society can become members by sending the yearly membership fee of one dollar to A. T. DeGrott, Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa.

NEWS FROM LEXINGTON KENTUCKY

By C. H. DICKERSON

340 Ohio St., Lexington, Kentucky

I am glad to be getting back into circulation. All groups of Lexington Church are moving harmoniously and looking forward to a Turkeyless Xmas. The bird soars so high he look like an eagle in the sky. Our National Evangelist is among the other disappointments here abouts. Two young ministers, Brothers E. L. Sanders and R. E. Hancock are pinch-hitting for Elder Peters. Brother W. Ed. Hutesell is proving to be a great leader in finances, while Brother A. C. Stone majors in Christian Youth Fellowship.

Elder William Owens of Winchester will begin our meeting here December 6th. Prof. Frank Coleman, Jr. of Columbia, Mo., and Hampton, Virginia later of E. Tawn, Ky., and Paducah, Ky., are tenting with us here at 340 Ohio St. He and his wife take active part in our Church services along with the Radio Trainee Service. C. H. Dickerson, I. H. Moore, T. R. Everett, William Owens, and R. L. Saunders constitute the pulpitt supply committee for our Kentucky churches.

SHAW CHRISTIAN CHURCH, SHAW, MISS.

The Shaw Christian Church is moving on fine. Since the State Convention we have bought two additional lots. This gives us ample room for parking during services. Absent or on the sick list are Sister Ellen Whiting, Sister Archie Sight, and Sister M. B. Sails. Prof. G. W. Washington missed services on account of poor transportation from his school. Brother Stocklin Saddler one of the Shaw Christian Church trustees will be able to do more work for the church as he is moving closer to the church. Brother J. D. Daniel our Elder of the church is working out of town for the week. Our Thanksgiving offering is being sent in. You will find enclosed $6.75 for the subscriptions to the CHRISTIAN PLEA from the Shaw Christian Church. We will continue to try to do more.

NOTES FROM THE OLD ASPARAGUS BED

By A. D. Gault,
Route 2, Mayslick, Kentucky

There has been some sunshine along with the clouds in Mayslick this last month. On Sunday, November 1st we had a good crowd out for the morning services and had a collection of $11.50. Rev. E. B. Toles preached a fine sermon. On November 8, your reporter was invited to North Middle-town to speak to the C. Y. F. To my surprise, the young people were having a Victory Service in my honor. Patriotis songs and papers filled the program. My subject was “The Call for Service”. These young people are under the leadership of Elder B. H. Hall and Miss Mary Butler. Their pastor, Rev. C. R. Gentry and his good wife are both actively interested in the work of the church. November 14, I attended the State Bible School Board which met in Lexington at the home of Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Dickerson. Mrs. Edith Bristow our State President brought a grand report from the National Convention. Mr. J. A. Hutesell welcomed me into their home for the night in Paris, Ky. On November 5th Rev. Toles preached the morning service and in the afternoon we had the Sunset Harmonizers from the Robin St. Christian Church Covington to sing for us. It was their third time to sing in Mayslick yet they sang to a full house. Their leader, Mr. James Brown was called to the army on the 29th of November. Our Emergency Million rally day came on a rainy day and did not turn out as well as we had expected. Everyone is looking forward to our Annual Xmas Day Bible School pro-

gram. This is one of our joyful times.

The sadness experienced by the church was the passing of Mrs. Anderson. She was one of our most loyal members taking part in everything in the church from the local to the National. In recent years she has lived in Maysville about 12 miles away. Mrs. Anderson will be missed. On October 27th, Mr. Elwood Cross was inducted into the army. He has served as superintend-

tent of the Bible School and has attended one Youth Conference. He is a young man that could be depended upon. We hope for him much success in the army. Your writer is classed as 1A and may be called in 1943. Wherever they may send me I hope to remain faithful to my church work.

MT. SINAI CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Reported by Mrs. Sarah Bostick,
Little Rock, Ark.

The Mt. Sinai Christian Church will long remember the gift of song books given to them as a token of thanks by one of its devoted members. It is hoped that when Professor Peoples and Miss Jamison come back again they will hear some of the new songs sung from the books presented by Sister Annie Williams. Since the return of our pastor, Elder T. R. Moore from the National Convention, he has put the church on a new financial bases by forming a program by which the members will work this year.

The superintendent and members are planning to send an offering for the great cause of Religious Education. The women of the church are formulating their program for Woman’s Day.

MEN IN THE ARMED FORCES READ THE PLEA

Dear Mrs. Eppe:

I received your card addressed to Rev. George Frazier concerning the Plea. Brother Frazier is now serving in the army and is stationed at Bowman Field in Louisville, Ky. I am enclosing $1.25 for his paper and a few extra copies. Please mail the paper to this address. Other men who have been called from the church are: Sergeant James W. Fraier, Mr. Thomas Robinson, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robinson and Brother Will Rogers. May I ask you and the whole brotherhood to pray that the all seeing eye will watch over my boys and all mother’s sons that have been called to such a great task.

Signed,
Ida Frazier
A shadow falls across the way, Better watch it,
It's shutting out the light of day, Better watch it.
Tho' it seems a spider's thread
Floating lightly overhead
Yet may prove a thing to dread, Better watch it!

Ego oft obscure our path, Better watch it
Oh! how often we've been told
Every sign some meaning hath, Better watch it
All that glitters isn't gold!
That's as true as it is old, Better watch it!

Super-highways oft divided, Better watch it
Signs will show the proper side
Better watch it
Tho' with pride our hearts may burn
Just one little careless turn
Brings us face-to-face with ruin, Better watch it!

HERE AND THERE
By Elder John D. Henry
121 Front St., Clayton N. Carolina

November 8th was spent in a visit to the St. Mark church in Stanton-
burg. As they were without a pastor we were able to supply for
them in their morning and evening services. This one of the spirited churches
of the District and has a large membership and draws on the young people
in large numbers. For the collection a total of $67.91 was raised for the
day.

On November 29, a district meet-
ing was held for Wilson-Union in the St. Mary Church, Bailey, N. C.
Ministers and delegates were present and the sum of $65.45 was raised.
The quarterly meeting at Hickory Grove, Kinston, N. C., was a banner
meeting. Elder C. E. Williams pas-
tors the church there and we closed with a total raised of $159.40.
During the quarterly meeting held at the Dover Church also pastored by
Elder E. C. Williams there was an

addition of two made to the church. Much good work is going on in this
church and no church in the District excels it.
The next visit was at the St.
Luke church in Goldsboro, N. C. Under the leadership of their pastor,
Elder I. W. Faison a faithful group of people work. They were worshiping
in their new church. Elder M. Aycock spoke at the evening service.

Read the PLEA and subscribe for it, subscribe for a person confined to
the house or for a soldier.

MY VISIT TO VIRGINIA
By W. H. (Baltimore) Toylar

On the seventh of November I left Baltimore for Hagerstown by the
way of the Shenandoah Valley to Roanoke. While in Roanoke I


REV. WILLIAM OWENS HOLDS
MEETING IN DETROIT,
MICHIGAN

Winchester, Kentucky

It was my good pleasure to have visited Elder Salvador Johnson in
Detroit, Michigan, who was an old school mate of mine whom I had
not seen for several years. I carried on a two weeks meeting for him
about the latter part of June and running over into a few days in July,
successful in paying up every outstanding debt thus making us eligible for a $1,000 loan from the church extension board. With this and the money raised by the loyal members, we have one of the prettiest little churches in Kentucky. With the $100 donation from the white church we were able to raise over $200. Elder I. H. Moore preached the sermon for this service.

On Wednesday night, the pastor and his wife attended a banquet given in honor of Elder George Frazier, who has left to join the armed forces, at Fort Thomas. Elder Frazier was a member of the Broadway Christian Church and was ordained at the State Convention at Mt. Sterling two years ago. He has pastored the churches at Stepstone and Fairview for the past two years. He was donated $5.00 at the district meeting at Stepstone and the church here presented him with a present.

THE ROCKFORD CHURCH
Rev. C. S. Sterns, Minister
Gladys M. Holt, Reporter
2339 10th St., Rockford, Ill.

On July 26, the parsonage of the church was dedicated and a reception followed. A very enjoyable program was rendered. The parsonage was dedicated by Charles Martin of Chicago; musical selections were rendered by Mrs. Geraldine Westerband of King Mountain, N.C., and Dr. J. J. Parks of Beloit, Wisconsin.

Although Rev. Sterns has been here only a short time, he is making a splendid record in the city with both white and colored ministers.

Rev. Shaw of Central Christian Church (white) invited our pastor to be guest speaker at a banquet at the church on Thursday, August 16. His message was very much enjoyed there as all of his Rockford messages have been. Rev. Shaw gave our pastor a very liberal donation on his convention expenses.

On the same day Rev. McGee brought his choir to our church for an afternoon of service. There was an offering lifted for convention expenses.

In the absence of Rev. Stern on August 23rd, Rev. Ford, of the Lincoln Park Christian Church (white), filled the vacancy in the pulpit.

The church seems to be getting on its feet again. There are plans for bigger and better things. The pastor brought many encouraging remarks from the National Convention.

MAIN ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Xenia, Ohio
Rev. Leslie Smith, Minister
Mrs. Rosa A. McKinney, Reporter

We are now ready to begin a new fiscal year having just ended a very successful one, closing by entertaining the fifty-ninth annual state convention of the Churches of Christ. The convention was largely attended, there being more than fifty delegates registered. The largest number coming from Cleveland, Ohio.

There were many soul-filling sermons delivered by pastors of the churches of the state. One of the highlights of the convention was the very lovely candle-light services conducted by the missionary society with Mrs. Dorothy Siegling of Cleveland, Ohio, presiding.

The institute was held each day at different churches of the city. These classes were very beneficial and largely attended.

The national workers who attended the convention were, Miss Butler and Mr. Peoples. Other visitors were Mrs. Peoples and Rev. Sanders of Kentucky. The president, Rev. Wilbert, brought the annual message. His senior and junior choirs furnished the music.

The Sunday after the convention the church presented the pastor and wife a purse containing twenty-five dollars as a gift of appreciation.

In preparation for the convention the church installed all new light fixtures in the auditorium. The dining room, ladies' lounge and kitchen were newly decorated. The dining room decoration was carried out in a patriotic scheme.

There were many lovely programs given during the year to raise money, so that the church might be made ready for the convention and still be free from debt. Club No. 1, Mr. James Dickerson, chairman, raised twenty-eight dollars in one afternoon meeting and Club No. 2, Mrs. Rosa McKinney, chairman, raised twenty-five dollars in one afternoon meeting. The last effort put forth for the convention was a twilight musical given by the choir. This program began at six o'clock and lasted one and one-half hours during which time an appreciative audience that filled the church to capacity, listened to solos, duets, quartets and choral arrangements presented by seven different churches of the city and the surrounding vicinity. His program was preaching by fifteen minutes of twilight piano music presented by Mr. George Ellis.

Miss Marjorie Lewis was the originator of this unique program.

Mrs. Rosa McKinney, the mistress of ceremonies.

DALLAS AREA—BOLL STREET
Church Has First Youth Meet
Hello, how are you? My name is Jane. And who are you? Thus might have been the greetings at Dallas, November 13-15 when forty-two youths and adults gathered for a week of inspiration, fellowship and information.

The national theme "Build Today A Christian World" was used. Discussion groups were lead by Rev. C. L. Parks (pastor), Rev. John Eubanks, Rev. E. J. Dickson, Miss Helen E. Henry and Carnella L. Jamison. Youths and adults were very responsive an the sessions were all to short.

The interracial fellowship and participation was greatly aided and enriched by the presence of Miss Beissie Hart, state secretary of Missionary Organization, Fort Worth; Miss V. Johnson, state children's worker; Miss Myers, Director of Religious Education, Central Church, Dallas; and Mr. Jack Shirley, Grand Prairie, Texas. Four churches were represented. The Jarvis Church was included in the representation by four excellent students and a youth leader, Mr. Dickson.

It was agreed that the meet should be held next year at Dallas in at attempt to reach every church in the area. Miss Helen Henry, state youth secretary will serve as promoter.

Boll Street Church proved to be a delightful hostess for the meet and expressions of appreciation are in order for the splendid cooperation of Rev. and Mrs. Parks an the entire membership for the fine work which they are doing in their church.

Report Woman's Day
Please write on reverse side of your report blanks an account of what happened on Woman's Day in your church. If your blank has been mailed please write a letter. Woman's Day offerings should be included in our December remittance.

Gift Accepted?
In the letter which went out to each local presiding elder in December, March and June. Will you accept this gift and make use of it at the proper seasons?

With best wishes for happiness at Christmas and a joyous New Year, I am

Faithfully yours,
Carnella L. Jamison.

Introducing
Children's Work Fellowship Bulletin is the name of a publication to aid our workers with children (ages 6-12) and to create fellowship among them. The introductory copy was distributed at the Kansas City Convention. The second issue is on its way to those who work with children.
152 VACANT PULPITS—1942

STATE

Salem, Fort Deposit  
ALABAMA—15 Churches, 2 Vacant  
Snow Hill, M. E. Willing  
ARKANSAS—13 Churches, 9 Vacant  
Antioch, Pine Bluff  
Brown’s Chapel, Washington  
Elliot Chapel, Wabasso  
Mt. Bethel, Wilsonville  
Holly Grove, England  
Oak Grove (No. 1), Scott  
Oak Grove (No. 2), Scott  
Edward’s Chapel, Russellville  
Cedar Point, Clinton

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—2 Churches, 1 Vacant  
Washington, D. C. (‘T’ ST.)

FLORIDA—13 Churches, 9 Vacant  
New Smyrna  
River Junction  
Edwards Point, Century  
Galilee—Sunfield  
Mt. Olive, Martel  
West Palm Beach  
Mt. Zion, Monahan, Petersburg  
Bethlehem, Webster

GEORGIA—15 Churches, 5 Vacant  
St. Matthew, Quitman  
Mercy Be, R. D. Thomasville  
New Mt. Pilgrim, Thomasville  
McClendon Grove, Bogart  
Pine Grove, Toomsboro

ILLINOIS—24 Churches, 4 Vacant  
Wathena  
White Cloud (Second)  
Emporia (Second)  
Kansas City (Third)

KENTUCKY—45 Churches, 6 Vacant  
Cedar Grove, Jackson  
Mayfield (Second)  
Nebo, Madisonville  
Carlisle (High Street)  
Roaring Springs

MISSISSIPPI—18 Churches, 1 Vacant  
Antioch—Port Gibson  
MISSOURI—24 Churches, 6 Vacant  
Bidder  
Lexington (Second)  
Hannibal (Second)

NEW YORK—El Farro, 1 Vacant  
Brooklyin (Galilee)

NORTH CAROLINA—165 Churches, 52 Vacant  
Brook Creek, Pantages  
Gaylord, Rehavah  
Hunts Point, Pine Bluff  
Spellers Chapel, Windsor  
Damasus, Clarkston  
Thaddeus, Fayetteville  
Piney Grove, Sabringer  
Piney Grove, Toomsboro

SOUTH CAROLINA—25 Churches, 8 Vacant  
Rock Hill, Sycamore  
Seabrook (Second)  
Cypress Creek, Berkeley  
Cypress Creek, Jedburg  
Poplar Hill, Ridgeville  
St. Phillips, Reidsville  
Zion Pilgrim, Ridgeway

TENNESSEE—15 Churches, 5 Vacant  
Jellico  
Lea Avenue, Nashville  
Holtsville, Morris Chapel  
Savannah (College Avenue)  
Clarksville (Main Street)

TEXAS—57 Churches, 8 Vacant  
St. Antonio (East Crockett)  
Jacksonville, Bolton Street  
Dallas, (Old Cliff)  
Houston (Grove St.)

Cryon  
New Mound  
Oak Grove  
White Oak Chapel

VIRGINIA—31 Churches, 17 Vacant  
Cedars, Brodnax  
Mt. Olive, Lawrenceville  
Mt. Zion, Floyd  
Galilee, Penhook  
Bethlehem, Richmond  
Richmond (St. Mark)  
Mt. Olive, R. D. Martinsville  
Phillips, Lawrenceville  
Oakwood Chapel, Norfolk  
Norfolk (Mt. Olive)  
Norfolk (Cumberland St.)  
Solid Rock, Norfolk  
Webb Chapel, Norfolk  
Zion Light, Norfolk  
Pleasant Hill  
Danville (Giles Avenue)  
Bethany, Roanoke

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