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President J. B. Lehman Passes

By Dean Charles C. Mosley
S. C. I. Edwards, Miss.

It was Christmas vacation at Southern Christian and most all the teachers and students had departed for their various homes when the message came saying, "President Lehman passed last night." These cold words brought gloom to the whole campus for it is impossible to know S. C. I. without knowing President Lehman.

Death came to President Lehman December 17, 1942, about 2:00 A. M., at his home in Jackson, Mississippi. During the early morning Mrs. Lehman was awakened because she felt herself getting cold; she felt for her husband and found that he was icy cold, he was no longer there, he had gone. Quietly in the night, when all was peaceful and everything was seemingly alright, our dear beloved President Lehman had his rendezvous with death.

The last rites for President Lehman were held at the Ferguson Funeral Home at Jackson, Mississippi with the Rev. B. R. Johnson, pastor of the white Christian Church, presiding. The service was simple but ever so impressive, the glorious life that President Lehman had lived magnified the occasion, yes, more than what anyone could say or do.

The organist softly played the soothing strains of Swing Low Sweet Chariot as the audience quietly gathered, white and colored from all walks of life, to pay their last respects. Rev. Johnson read from the 14th chap. of John for the scripture. Prof. Bebout, a former teacher and co-worker at Southern Christian, talked on "President Lehman as he knew him" and The Southern Christian Institute quartet sang two numbers, "Swing (Continued on Page 3)
Carolina with 25, and Missouri with 23. In these 7 states, having more than 20 congregations each, are to be found approximately 73 per cent of our Negro churches.

4. North Carolina leads also in reported resident members, with a total of 14,984. South Carolina stands second as to membership reported, with a total of 3,312. Texas is third, with a membership of 3,190. Then comes Kentucky with 2,915; Ohio with 1,970; Mississippi with 1,754, and Virginia with 1,696. Eleven states report a membership of over 1,000. These eleven states have 88 per cent of the total reported membership of our Negro brotherhood. These eleven states consist of the seven just mentioned and Alabama, Maryland, Missouri and Tennessee. North Carolina alone has 36 per cent of the reported membership.

5. The Year Book reveals that 142 of the 513 Negro churches were without preachers. This is approximately 28 per cent. The 371 congregations with listed preachers were served by 232 men.

6. 172 churches out of the 513 reported that they had a total of 1,158 additions by baptism during the year. This is an average of 6.7 baptisms per church reporting. If the same ratio prevails for non-reporting as that for reporting churches (which it certainly does not) then the 513 congregations would have a total of approximately 3,437 additions by baptism during the year. This last figure must not be taken seriously, however, for it is apparent that the same ratio cannot be applied to the non-reporting churches as that which holds for those which did report.

7. 222 Negro churches reported on their current expense income, the total sum reported being $128,402.81. This is an average of $576.58 per congregation reporting.

8. 139 churches, either as churches or through one or more auxiliaries, made some offering during the year to the causes that cooperate in Unified Promotion. This means that 73 per cent of the Negro congregations gave nothing in 1942 to the causes of Unified Promotion.

9. 194 churches reported having women's missionary societies. This means that 319 Negro churches have no missionary organization for their women.

From the facts revealed in this study we believe that the following conclusions can be legitimately drawn:

1. Our Negro brotherhood is widely scattered and numerically weak. No state, with the possible exception of North Carolina, has sufficient strength to support an adequate state program. This suggests that supervision and aid to local churches must largely be provided on a national and regional basis. A national Negro field worker will have fewer congregations to serve than are being served by six white state secretaries; and fewer communicants to serve than are being served by thirteen white state secretaries.

2. It will probably be necessary for some years to come for many of our Negro pastors to serve more than one congregation. This is true both because the supply of trained ministers is inadequate and because many congregations are too small and too financially weak to provide full-time support for a minister.

3. If our Negro brotherhood is to endure there must be an increased emphasis on evangelism. It is apparent from the figures of additions by baptism that evangelism is now at a low ebb.

4. Coupled with an increased emphasis on evangelism must come increased supervision of local congregations in the field of church development. It is apparent that a majority of our Negro churches have inadequate and ineffective local programs. This calls for increased field supervision, a supervision which actually reaches into the local congregation with practical helpfulness.

5. A more highly trained as well as a more numerous ministry is one of the most pressing needs of our Negro brotherhood. In a day when the Negro in America is beginning to come into his own educationally, culturally and economically the ministry of the Negro church must keep pace with this general advance from the standpoint of formal education, general culture and leadership ability.

6. Missionary education, with its accompanying world-mindedness, is lagging in our Negro brotherhood. This points to the need for a greater emphasis on missionary organizations and general missionary education among our Negro churches.

7. The significant fact to be held in mind in connection with the revelation that 73 per cent of our Negro church gave nothing in 1942 to the causes cooperating in Unified Promotion is not that these causes need the financial support of our Negro congregations but rather that our Negro brethren have such a slight sense of "belonging" to the total brotherhood of Disciples of Christ. The cure for this situation lies far more deeply among our Negro churches.

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THE PASSING OF PRESIDENT LEHMAN
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Low Sweet Charriot" and "Steal Away". Pres. John Long made a
short speech, but one of his best, tell-
ing how he had worked under Presi-
dent Lehman for eight years, how he
had traveled from one section of this
country to another and wherever he
was introduced as President of S. C. I.
the people always replied, "Yes,
that's President Lehman's School."
President Long closed by saying that
S. C. I. was President Lehman and
President Lehman was S. C. I., that
"he used to live in The Mansion, he
still does, he has just gone upstairs."

Pres. J. B. Lehman was born in
Fulton County, Ohio in 1866. His
time early training was in a small country
school. Later he attended Tri-State
College at Angola, Indiana where he
worked his way through school. Soon
after completing his college work Mr.
Lehman married Miss Ethie Burlin-
game and he and his wife took their
honeymoon trip in 1890 coming to S.
C. I.

When President Lehman arrived at
Southern Christian, just out of col-
lege, just married, full of ambition
and eager to make good, he found an
old plantation school, one small
building and eight-hundred acres
of land. When he had completed forty-
three years of work at S. C. I., it had
emerged from a school of one house
and one shack to a school with a
beautiful campus, with thirteen well
equipped buildings, 1265 acres of
land and the faculty had increased
from three to twenty-one. The student
body had increased from thirty to
over two-hundred. The approximate
value of the entire plant was about
$400,000.

President Lehman can not be mea-
ured in terms of houses and land, dol-
ars and cents, but the many souls
that he has touched. Students have
come under his guidance from all over
the United States. They now stand in
many of the leading positions in the
Disciple Brotherhood and as I travel
through the state of Mississippi I
meet many of them who readily con-
fess that "Beulah" is a part of them.

President Lehman has passed, but
he still lives on; he lives in the lives
of all he has touched and in his pass-
ing let us renew our vows to carry on,
that he may not have labored in vain.

THE U.C.M.S. CONFERS WITH
NEGRO LEADERS
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Do we measure up to these ob-
jectives? Coupled with these we have
the purpose and aim of Jesus. The
maintenance and development of The
Church, which reveals to us that we
have testimony to the fact that Chris-
tianity is world-embracing, world
missionary. If a church is really
Christian it MUST be missionary.

All the world is its field, and it has
equal responsibility for every section
of that world-field. Women, how
about this church?

All over the world we are witness-
ning war, strife, and hate, but we
know that Jesus Christ came into
the world as the Prince of Peace, thus
we know that eventually we will
have peace. It is His will and it must
be done.

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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

THINKING PERSPECTIVELY

Rev. R. H. Davis, Chicago, Ill.

The present global conflict is creating unprecedented changes in all areas of life. Many of these changes are revolutionary in facts and implications.

Henry McLemore, a versatile columnist of The Daily American, one of Mr. Hearst's popular dailies, has this to say, among other things concerning revolutionary changes now taking place under the caption: "Prisoners Striving to Win the War."

"We in Atlanta are delivering the goods. Those of us who know say don't lose your freedom."

"This is the inscription on a huge banner that hangs in the federal penitentiary here.

Since December 7 the men in this one prison have purchased more than $30,000 in war bonds out of their scanty pay. They have donated nearly $2,000 to the Red Cross, and they have given more than 500 pints of blood, or ten percent of all the blood donated in this area. Little more than a year the prisoners have stepped up their production an even 400 per cent.

The prison magazine, The Atlantan, is one of the best magazines published in the South. Its editorial policy now is based on the value of prisoners as fighting men and it makes a very good case of it.

The men and women who are responsible for the enlargement of the total program of our National Convention of the Negro Churches of Christ in America ought to emulate the spirit of the men in Atlanta penitentiary. They want victory for the United Nations. They want freedom. They are revolutionizing all previous standards set up by their predecessors through their courageous, voluntary service and their sacrificial giving.

We have made significant progress in a few phases of our National program during the past quarter century. We have reached many worthwhile objectives in our organizational set-up. But by and large, we are still pioneering too cautiously on the fringes of poorly developed projects and undiscovered opportunities.

The time is here for adventurous united action on a big scale. This is the psychological moment for those of us who are enjoying the ease of satisfied complacency to "goad" ourselves into the habit formulating revolutionary constructive ideas and developing the courage to put them into operation.

In my way of thinking, The Christian Plea challenges our Negro Disciples to assume the important task of making it a vital, dynamic asset in the enlargement and effectiveness of our National program.

We should decide to launch an enthusiastic campaign immediately to secure 3,000 paid up subscriptions by the convening of our National gathering in Columbus, Ohio next August.

One thousand of these subscribers ought to be white Disciples. This need not be a stupendous undertaking. With the full cooperation of our three National workers we should expect 500 subscriptions through their efforts and all of our officers of all departments of our National Convention we ought to expect 500 subscriptions.

Our Ministers, state and district leaders, our National evangelist, superintendents of Sunday Schools and presidents of Missionary Societies in local churches could, with a little extra interest in the advancement of this worthy religious journal, be responsible for 2,000 plus subscriptions.

But to sell the Christian Plea to thousands of persons who have, many of them, more religious magazines than they have time adequately to read; we must make the paper a first class periodical.

The Christian Plea needs four additional pages in the form of two covers.

It needs a strong editorial policy.

A magazine without a definite thought-provoking policy is like a beautiful plum pudding minus plums. We are challenging our learned editor to evolve an editorial policy for the Plea.

Every issue of the Plea since January, 1942 has been full of interesting news. But the December number was the best.

Young M. C. Dickerson's article, "Roanoke at Work" compensated me for a year's subscription. Liquidation of $5,200 in three years and as the hard-working, efficient pastor states: "Today the Ninth Avenue Christian Church owes no man anything," is an unique accomplishment for an average Negro Disciple Church.

We need more articles like Dickerson's from our "Old" and "Young" pastors. The president's brief, up-to-the-minute Christmas Message, Mr. People's and Miss Jamison's contributions, L. L. Dickerson's straightforward from-the-shoulders article with a big "Question Mark;" and others from Church reporters made stimulating and informative news. Last but not least, "Negro Disciples in 1942 Year Book" by Editor Eppsne needs careful study and thoughtful analysis. 35,420 Negro Disciples and less than 1,000 paid up subscribers to The Christian Plea! We need to do something revolutionary about this situation now.

The Indiana Avenue Church will
send in 50 subscriptions by April 1, 1943 through its energetic Plea Secretary, Mrs. Alma P. Cummings.


The New Year, 1943 is here. Let us will to reach ONE BIG OBJEC-TIVE before its departure.

A CALL TO CHRISTIAN WOMANHOOD

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freedom. Then this thought came to me a few evenings ago. I said, we are approaching the season when Jesus came that we might have life and have it abundantly; now our boys are gathering that we might have peace and the continuation of our great freedom. Friends, don't you sense a challenge?

I just don't feel that we are serious enough about the building of the kingdom of God on earth. We take things too complacent—missionary education, sharing with others, the oneness of God's people. Listen to this question, "What doth the Lord require of thee?"

Jesus prayed such a beautiful prayer as recorded in the 17th chapter of John's gospel. His eyes were lifted up to heaven as he prayed; "Holy Father, keep through Thine own Name those whom thou has given me, that they may be one, as we are." This prayer was made more than nineteen hundred years ago, but is unanswered yet.

We talk and sing and pray of "One Great Brotherhood," but if we could interpret that big word "Brotherhood" as Jesus did, the invisible ties of the love of God, the fellowship of Jesus Christ, and the Abiding power of the Holy Spirit would unite us and cause us to love one another. We need a brotherhood after the order of God's making in these troubled days when practically all the nations of the earth are treading bloody paths —blood shed by our children, our brethren in other lands, and even our fathers who pioneered for us, and whose faith we are letting die out in us. Men seem to have ceased measuring up to righteousness, and out to justice.

I do not know how to put it unless I say God was preparing Christian womanhood for a larger task when He put it into the heart and mind of Mrs. Caroline Pearre, a plan to call together the women assembled in the General Missionary Convention at Cincinnati in October, 1874. Seventy-five women and a few met on Oct. 21st and the C. W. B. M. was born. This was the finest woman's organization in the country to carry on both home and foreign missionary work; to employ both men and women, and to be managed entirely by women. And today the largest and only nationally organized group of women workers among the Disciples of Christ is that of missionary organizations. Thomas Munnell, then corresponding Secretary of the American Christian Missionary Society said of the movement, "It is a flame of the Lord's kindling, and no man can extinguish it."

Christian womanhood stepping out and taking her rightful place in Kingdom Building.

Everytime I think of that memorable act, or that lightning and lifting up a brighter torch for Christian womanhood my mind goes back to the Creation when God created the heavens and earth and all creeping things, and made man in His image and after His likeness, things looked very good, but not perfect. I fancy Jesus sat down and thought. He saw the missing link, so arranged it all, and made it possible for this condition to be cleared away—not for the duration of a dispensation, but forever and ever. He made woman, and He made her for man, and that finished the thing.

Woman, the Crowning Glory of God's Creation

Women, are you measuring up? Woman sinned, of course, and sin has been going on in the world ever since. Sin is to blame for this critical day, but if there had been no sin a different story would have to be told. Jesus would not have needed to come down from Glory and so humbly do what he did to blot out our sins. He came and went to an old rugged cross, a shameful-looking thing to hold up between heaven and earth, such a beautiful Saviour: yet that old cross was a symbol of Christian truth; it was symbol of love and sacrifice; it was a symbol of a vital Christianity; that old rugged cross was a symbol of suffering and shame. There He suffered—"My God, My God, why has Thou forsaken me?" He bled—"Out of His side came water and blood)—He died—"It is finished." And then reuniting himself with His Heavenly Father, into Thy Hand I commit My Spirit."

It means a great deal to be a woman; a good woman, a woman living a vital religion, active and concerned in a day like this with all of its crisis. But this is "Woman's Day" not only in the Churches of our great brotherhood, but this is "Woman's Day" in our great nation. And if this terrible war is won by United Nations the Christian woman of these nations have got to stretch forth their hands, not by might, nor by power, but by the Spirit of God. They have got to teach the whole world by precept and example and message that Jesus Christ is the Redeemer of all mankind. That is impossible for us to think of Him as shutting up His salvation to a particular race or to any-one corner of the earth. Nothing short of world-wide love and world-wide conquest can satisfy the Son of God because He is a universal Saviour.

From a mountain top He gave his last charge to His chosen few; His call to them was "Go into all the world." But just preceding this He had filled them with compassion for a waiting world. If he had never spoken that final word which we call, "The Command," He would still have left with them an unescapable world.

Looking out over fields of ripening grain, and back to the waiting people He had talked of "Fields white unto a harvest." Looking at the woolly sheep upon Judeans Hill with shepherds and easy sheep-folds in the backgrounds, he had spoken of "Other Sheep."

As we face together world conditions, and sense the need of peace in all the world, there seems to come a personal challenge. Jesus said in His great sermon on the mountain, "Ye are the salt of the earth; the light of the world." Friends, if that salt has no power to save, it is worthless, and if that light is put under a bushel you are in darkness in a lighted world.

Christian womanhood is gradually passing from its yesterday with its handicaps to its tomorrow with its opportunities and responsibilities, though its today with a great challenge.

With the press of so great a challenge at such a time as this, when the world is drunk with sin, when sins are being born again, women and children are living in fear, Christian womanhood stands with upturned face to God and prays:

God of Israel, thou that leadest thy people like a shepherd, lead us this day. The challenge—one so great,
January, 1943

and me so small; the burdens are heavy and we are so weak; let Thy Heavenly Spirit sustain us with thy power and then

"If I have wounded any soul today
If I have caused one foot to go astray;
If I have lived in my own willful way
Dear Lord, forgive."
ACTIVITIES OF THE BROTHERHOOD

BLUEFIELD W. VA. NEWS
Miss Anne Keeling, Reporter
407 Jones Street
Bluefield, W. Va.

"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your father which is in heaven."—Matt. 5:16.

Mr. James Dickerson, a member of the Jones Street Christian Church will be ordained into the ministry on January 1943. Reverend Eugene Patterson of Tazewell, Va., will have charge of the service. Mr. Dickerson, son of the late Reverend Charles Dickerson attended Bluefield State Teachers College.

A thousand tasks are crying out for workers. There is a great need for ministers, many of our churches have vacant pulpits.

Let us remember that God needs everyone of us. There is a light that we alone can give in the world. God, who gave us our talent will guide us in its use.

Our Bible school is making much progress in attendance and finance under the able leadership of Professor N. J. Dickerson.

Columbia, Ky.
Dec. 14, 1942
Mr. Merl R. Eppse, Editor
The Christian Plea
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

Enclose find $5.00 for five subscriptions for The Christian Plea. I highly endorse the ruling of the National Convention concerning delinquent subscribers.

I am proud of our Church’s paper. I hope it will live forever.

An expression of appreciation is due you and all of the staff. We subscribers should lighten the task as much as possible.

I hope every delinquent subscriber will respond readily and be able to get others to follow.

I am yours in Christ,
Ida E. White, Clerk of Columbia Christian Church

THE TRI-STATE ECHOES

Virginia—West Virginia—North Carolina

"Thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, this is the way. Isa. 30:31."
By R. L. Peters, Field Secretary,
614 Hickory St., Winston-Salem, N. C., Phone 7863.

The churches in Tri-State Area are very much in action. Spencer Memorial Church of Winston-Salem, N. C., the mother of them all, closed the old year showing gains along all lines.

Our first service held in the New Year was a funeral. Mr. Thomas Walker a man who had passed the half a century mark. He was a veteran of the World War No. 1. Who had many friends as was shown by a large crowd that attended his funeral. The writer delivered the Eulogy. Dec. 24, 1942. "Annual Watch Meeting."

A splendid crowd was present to bid farewell to 1942 and to welcome the New Year 1943. The church has on a special Financial Drive for the Fifth Sunday in January, the goal is $200.00. The membership of the church is increasing regularly.

Center Tabernacle Church, Greensboro, N. C., has made a splendid improvement on the building and the membership is steadily growing, Rev. C. L. Carson, Minister.

Eugene Patterson, Minister of Midway, Bluefield and First Christian Church, Stuart, all of Virginia reports that all churches are doing well, progressing along all lines. C. M. Robinson, minister of Bailey Town Christian Church, Walnut Cove and J. W. Mack, minister of Parks Grove Christian Church, reports their work doing well. Two or three of the young men of Spencer Memorial Church were home from the U. S. Army to spend a few days on furlough.

DEPARTMENT OF EVANGELISM

The School of Evangelism opened its Winter term at Spencer Memorial Church, 614 Hickory St., Winston-Salem, N. C., January 4, 1943.

Fellow Ministers and Lay Workers. A Pre-Easter Institute will be held at the School of Evangelism March 22-29, 1943. The following interesting and practical course will be offered.

The History of our Church

Missions

Stewardship

Building the Christian Rural Community

Preaching from the prophets

The work of the School

Chapel Services

Whatever type of service you may render in the local church, you will receive help from these courses.

Deacons, Sunday school and Missionary workers, Church Officials, Ministerial students and active pastors are expected to attend. There will be a great feast of fellowship on Sunday, March 28, there will be three great services of music and preaching. Don’t miss this red letter day at the School of Evangelism.

Your cost will be your travel and $5.00 for food. Isn’t that cheap enough? If your pastor can’t afford to come, help pay his way. Produce: meat, vegetables, poultry, and meal will be accepted and credited on board. Any minister who honestly cannot afford to come, whose church cannot send him, should write me and probably a scholarship may be arranged. Bring along a pillow, blanket, or quilt. You will need notebook, Bible, etc. You may want to buy a book also. Please pass this announcement along to a friend or send the name of a person who should receive a copy.

Very cordially yours,
Robert Lee Peters. Dean

CHRISTIAN OR DISCIPLES CHURCH, AKRON, OHIO

This church is progressing nicely. Elder S. J. Compton is in charge of the work and it is getting along fine under his leadership. He serves them once on each Sunday in the month. The young church appreciates his service by the very fine way they are supporting him. I am informed that they gave him $100.00 for a Christmas gift. That’s fine and shows an excellent Christian spirit. This column will remain opened for awhile showing the list of churches that have given any thing to help get a church for this fine little group of Disciples. The church at Warren, O. Elder Foster Craggett, minister, sent in a church donation of $50.00. Since last report, which appears in this column.

List of churches and amounts given:

Christian Church, Dayton, Ohio ___________________________ $36.00
Christian Church, Columbus, Ohio ________________________ $17.25
Christian Church, Canton, Ohio __________________________ $30.00
Xenia, Ohio __________________________ $16.05
83rd St. Christian Church, Cleveland, Ohio ______________ $12.50
Christian Church, Springfield, Ohio ______________________ $10.25
Christian Church, Oxford, Ohio _________________________ $ 2.50
Christian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio ______________ $ 1.00
Christian Church, Warren, Ohio ________________________ $50.00

Another church from the denominations unites with the Church of Christ (Christian).

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A NEW DAY, WILL WE BE ABLE TO MEET IT?
By L. H. Crawford
Dallas, Texas

Dear friends I notice in the last issue of the Plea, a falling off in subscriptions. This is a reflection on the part of our great brotherhood. We demand so much and yet when it comes to paying we are the cheapest folks in the world. All of these years The Plea has been the only method we have of staying in touch with one and the other. We want to suggest the following: for the next sixty days that we put on a friendly contest between the States, and the States that report the largest list of subscription will be known as the First State of the Brotherhood. We should make our reports weekly. I do think, my brethren, that we should get together now as never before.

As we are facing a New Day, we should take on New Life. There is so much for us to do with twenty-five years behind us. We should face the New Day with a program that will fit in with a New Order. Everything the brotherhood owns I am a part of it. I aim by the help of God, to stand ready to play my part regardless of who heads up the program.

Texas will go on record of sending in five hundred new subscription by the first of March.

I am praying that this year will be our Banner Year and that many souls will be saved. We meet the new time with great joy, and the Lord today as never before. This is the day for the New Testament Church. This is a day for New Order of things and the Church should follow the leaders that we have and help to make other leaders. I will close by saying "Let us lay aside any weight that so easily beset us, and, forgetting our short-comings of the past, that we march on to victory. THE PLEA must be saved! Will you and your state help? Take hold, God will bless us, if we do what he has commanded us to do.

TAYLOR CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

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morning program was not hard to plan and most of the people that attended the programs seemingly sought the true Christmas Spirit.

As a result of our pre-Christmas programs, I think that every home that we visited was happy. My family and I were happy to be invited out to the home of Brother and Sister O. L. Bridgewater for a big turkey dinner on Christmas Day.

Still keeping the Christmas Spirit alive, the pastor and a few of the members went to the bedside of Sister Mary Porter, one of our members who been confined to bed for quite awhile, and held a lovely service with her.

We have tried to do a few things of interest since we have been here and we hope that we may be able to do greater things by the help of God through our fellowmen.

S. C. I. NEWS

School resumed its regular schedule, after the holidays, on December 31 with a revived student and faculty group.

On December 15 the Annual Christmas Banquet was held. After the banquet the caroling of the choir sent the vacationists on their way in the proper festive spirit.

The Joint Parent-Teachers Association met on the campus for its December meeting. A program of Christmas selections was presented by the Verse Speaking Choir, under the leadership of Miss Evangeline Morse.

Verse Speaking Choir, under the leadership of Miss Evangeline Morse. Miss Isabelle Butler, home economics instructor, gave the group a number of menus planned to included all of the essential food properties.

The Texas College football team visited on the campus briefly, on their way to and from the Vulcan Bowl Game in which they met the Tuskegee team and won.

The Christmas vacation found the teachers and students making their exit to all parts of the country. Miss Evangeline Morse head of the Social Science Department spent the vacation in Georgia. Miss Isabell Butler spent the vacation with her parents in Kentucky. Mrs. Miran Terry made a trip to Florida. Miss Butler is head of the Home Economic Department and Mrs. Terry heads the Primary Department. Miss Virginia Nichols head of the English Department and Mrs. Alice Cowan dean of women spent their vacation in St. Louis. Mrs. James Ratten dean of men spent a delightful vacation with her parents in Texas.

Christmas on the campus was filled with joy for those who remained. President and Mrs. John Long held an open house on Dec. 25, 1942. This was both entertaining and educational for after viewing the many Christmas greetings, gifts and their most elegant Christmas tree and above all the refreshment, the guest were taken on a tour through the mansion. This picturesque old Mansion has stood for over ninety years; built with slave labor and served as a hospital during the Civil War now serves as an educational center.

We are very grateful to the many churches who remembered us so kindly with Christmas gifts but the students of the community school are indeed happy over the gifts from the Decatur Christian Church that sent gifts to every student in school with his or her name written on each package.

We are now about to complete the second quarter in this school year and we are happy to announce that in spite of the effects of the war on the male students we now have an enrollment of two hundred and eighty seven students. This is the second largest enrollment in the history of the school at this season of the year according to records found in the office.

Dean Mosley and family spent Sunday visiting grand mother Jennings, while there we had a very fine fellowship with the church out from Hermannville. Prof. and Mrs. Jacobs visited with their people in Hermannville over the week end.

The young ladies of S. C. I. gave an open house tea on New Year's Day.

A MESSAGE TO THE BIBLE SCHOOLS

By Rev. R. L. Jordan

President of National Bible School Convention, Detroit, Michigan 1942 has gone and now we are inside the gates of 1943. Whether we will mark time or go forward depends on our attitude coupled with hard work and Christian strategy. The evil forces use strategy to win the world for Satan. The Christian forces must use strategy to win the world for Christ.

After nineteen wide centuries our world is still Pagan. The task before the Church and its departments is the same as always, to Christianize and make Christian principals understandable and workable. Herein lies the task before the Bible School of every congregation, their superintendents, teachers, officers and pupils. Yes, the total church for the Bible School is the church teaching to little ones and adults.

To become Christianized one must come in contact with Christian principals and by some process be changed by them. To depaganize every congregation it must reach out beyond it-
Let us set a minimum of $2.00 per school and send that amount or more to the National Treasurer of the Bible School; S. B. Wallack 460 Howard St. Muskogee, Okla, not later than April 15. Let’s advance here too.

This year we are urging all schools to contend for the honors which will be awarded at the convention. The standard of measurement set by the award committee will be the same, but schools will be grouped in three classes according to their comparative strength to compete with one another. Group 1 will consist of those schools with 100 or more members. Group 2, those with 50 to 99; group 3, those with 15 to 49. Each school receiving the highest honor in its group will be awarded. The last two groupings will receive a certificate of loyalty and achievement.

The State having the largest number of schools reporting and cooperating in every way will be awarded a National award for schools’ participation.

The program of the Bible schools is too large for one man. It requires the cooperation and participation of every child, teacher, preacher and officer every where and at all times to succeed. Wherever you are remember you are a unit in a vast organization, the success of which depends on how well the unit (you) functions. As your president I want your suggestions and cooperation in every way possible to make this a banner year for the Bible schools of our brotherhood.

All of your National officers solicit your prayer and are willing to serve you when called upon to do so.

REV. R. H. PEOPLE’S COLUMN
National Negro Secretary
ANNOUNCING YOUTH WEEK
January 31—February 7
1 9 4 3

Theme: Build Today for a Christian World.

Let us have a “Youth Day” in your church. Let the young people take charge and lead in the various activities of the day.

SUGGESTED WORSHIP SERVICE*

Theme: Build Today for a Christian world.

Prelude: “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind.”

Call to Worship:
O come let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.
O Lord, send out thy light and thy truth, let them lead us to thy holy hill.
O thou who makest the outings of the morning and evening to rejoice, keep us in thy love forever.

Hymn: “We Would Be Building.”
(Tune, Finlandia.)

Leader: Through the continued unity of all Christian people in allegiance to thee, overlapping the divisions caused by hostility of war.

People: Hallowed be thy name.

Leader: By new dedication of Christians in all lands to the establishment of justice in the earth—

People: Thy kingdom come.

Leader: In the maintenance of the spirit of love and equity even in the midst of strife of war—

People: Thy will be done.

Leader: By the establishment of peace and the supplying each of the other’s need—

People: Give us our daily bread.

Leader: Because by our self-interest and self-concern we have increased the bitterness between men and nations—

People: Forgive us our debts.

Leader: If we have suffered loss or grief through the wrongful ambitions of others—

People: We forgive our debtors.

Leader: When suffering and anxiety prompt feelings of bitterness and hatred—

People: Lead us not into temptation.

Leader: At times of fear concerning the designs of others and of desire to gain security of advantage by unjust means—

People: Deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and glory forever. Amen.


Hymn: “God of Grace and God of Glory.”

Prayer: For loyal builders of a Christian world.

Choir selection:
Address: “Build Today for a Christian World.”

Note: Need for sufficient perspective to see what is essential to create a Christian world; courage to put dreams and ideals into actions; willingness to make personal sacrifices, even to enter into the suffering of other people regardless of race, creed or nationality.

Hymn: “Rise Up, 0 Men of God.”

Offering and offertory prayer: At this point the leader should make a statement about the World Friendship Fund through which the young people of Disciples of Christ

*Note: This service is suggested for worship in Christian schools and communities.

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will seek a $25,000.00 increase in their giving between January 31 and June 30, 1943.

Hymn: "I Would Be True."

Benediction: Almighty and everlasting God, in whom we live and have our being, who hast created us for thyself, so that our hearts are restless till they find rest in thee, grant unto us purity of heart and strength of purpose so that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing thy will and no weakness from doing it. In thy light may we see life clearly, and in thy service find perfect freedom. For thy mercy's sake. Amen (John Watson.)

*From FRONT RANK, Dec. 27, 1942.

REV. R. H. PEOPLE'S COLUMN
National Negro Secretary

Join the Advance
Your Church Can Reach More People

From June 30, 1941 until June 30, 1942 our brotherhood lost 3,491 in baptisms, 7,923 in church membership, 45,937 in church school enrollment. This is serious! If there was ever a time when the church needed to be strong it is now. If there was ever a time when more people needed to be challenged with the absolute necessity of following the teachings of Jesus Christ it is now.

The church school is still the greatest source of baptism and new members for the church. The tremendous loss in church school enrollment cannot help but be reflected in a lack of Christian conviction in the months ahead; it is already reflected in the loss in baptisms and church members. This does not need to continue. Your church can reach more people.

"Reach every person with Christian teaching" is the slogan of the United Christian Education Advance. As a part of the Advance, a definite appeal is being made to all of our churches to make up the loss and show a real gain by Easter, April 25th. Detailed suggestions have been sent to every pastor and superintendent. In brief these suggestions are as follows:

1. Enlist people coming in cars to bring those not having cars.
2. Encourage more people living near to walk to church and church school.
3. Challenge those who come to be in both the church school and worship and preaching services.
4. Establish church school neighborhood classes for those who cannot get to the church building.
5. Make a study of the situation of actual individuals. Do not be content with the mere counting of numbers.
6. Make definite plans and carry them out.

The loss as a brotherhood is large. A small but challenging gain on the part of every church can overcome that loss and show a real advance. Your gain will do it—your loss will undermine the influence of a total brotherhood.

Your church can reach more people. Will you say "yes" now? Will you then begin to work out plans and begin now to get results? Even one a Sunday from February first to Easter means twelve new people. The smallest church can do this—the larger ones many times this number.

It can be done! Your church can do it! Will you get it going? Do it now!

—R. H. PEOPLES

ALAMEDA STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

The baby church of Nashville is going forward by leaps and bounds under the leadership of Elder R. C. Maloy. Each department is taking on new life. The bible school observed Thanksgiving. The C. E. society is growing under the leadership of Mrs. Dallas Harris. They have three classes. It is reported to be the best C. E. in the State of Tennessee.

Among many visitors was Dr. J. E. Walker, Memphis; Rev. R. Wesley Watson, Ex-president of the National Convention; Prof. Merl R. Epps, chairman of the Division of Liberal Arts, and Professor of History at State College, spoke for us December 20th. The house was packed and we raised $28.50. Elder Maloy presented Prof. Epps with $2.00 for the Plea.

Elder Cothran and Lea Avenue Congregation worshipped with us December 27th. A large group was present. Elder Maloy was on the program of the Emancipation Celebration, January 1st at Spruce Street Baptist Church. Over 1,000 people were present to witness the appearance of 27 ex-slaves.

Rev. Maloy and his congregation worshipped with Lea Avenue Church, January 10. Elder Maloy brought new life to the church.

The prospects look good for a great Christian Church to go forward in North Nashville under the dynamic leadership of Elder R. C. Maloy.

NEWS FROM THE LAKE SHORE

Cedar Avenue Christian Church
Rev. C. E. Cragget, Pastor
Kenneth Dabney, Reporter

The church ended its year by paying all debts of 1942. We are grateful to Mr. N. E. Shumate and his finance committee for their elimination of all church debts. Mrs. Julia Gamby succeeds Mrs. Sadie Campbell as president of our local Missionary Society. Buckner Gamby returned to the Boston Conservatory of Music after a brief visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Gamby. A most inspiring ordination service in which Alexander Cragget was ordained as a Minister and Mr. Thomas, our Minister of Music, was held five weeks ago. The Endeavor Society finished the year with its best record in five years. The Church board started off the year by including most of Mr. People's suggestions as relating to the plan of the church.

Rev. Cragett is confined to his home as a result of a stomach ailment. It is hoped that he will soon recover.

During the past year we have had twenty additions to our church.

Every department has fully expressed willingness to help in starting a drive for subscribers to the Plea.

A NEGRO DISCIPLE PIONEER IN MISSISSIPPI

By William K. Fox
1156 E 57th St., Chicago, Ill.

One hot day in early August of last summer, in Sun Flower, Miss., Dean W. G. Gill and myself sat down on the spacious porch of the beautiful, white, three-story mansion of Mr. Dan McKinney. (You say you don't know Dan McKinney? Well, that is just the purpose of these lines—to let you know about Mr. Dan McKinney.) During our "lightening blitz" tour through the great Mississippi Delta we had come upon hundreds of interesting personalities, but here before us was a person probably the most unique of all. After considerable persuasion on our part, he agreed to tell us a little of his interesting career. We eagerly grasped our pencils and notebooks and the following, in brief, in what we heard.

Dan McKinney was born in Carrol County, Mississippi to very poverty stricken parents. In 1893, while still a youngster, he went to Morehead seeking work. However, greener acres in Sun-flower beckoned him to come there in 1894. The story
of his progress from this point is one of sweat, sacrifice and tears. After working for $18.95 a month he became a sharecropper. While in the latter capacity he was able to eke out enough money to buy a horse. Later he became a renter and saved enough to buy tools and stock. He continued his courageous course until he was able to buy the 240 acres of land he now has. It is a beautiful sight to see now however, it originally was forest land which had to be cleared by Dan stump by stump.

There wasn’t any Christian Church in Sunflower. Gradually, though, the community grew. Among those who settled around Dan were twelve other Disciples (W. M. Keys, Laura Keys, Charles Greer and his wife, John Keys, Mary Stanley, Porter Stanley, McKinnon, and his wife, Nathaniel McKinney, Q. MacQuator and his wife and Commissus Ekles and his wife).

Dan McKinney was the guiding light of the group. He wanted a Christian Church in Sunflower, Mississippi. First only prayer services were held from house to house. Then Brother McKinney threw open the doors of his home so that actual services could be conducted. Later he cooperated with the Methodist group of the community and secured a church building in which both Disciples and Methodists could share services could be conducted. Later he cooperated with the Methodist group of the community and secured a church building in which both Disciples and Methodists could share services could be conducted.

However, the undaunted McKinney was not satisfied. One day he went to the owner of the nearby sawmill and piecemeal through faith, secured enough sawed lumber to build a church. In 1906 these four fearless Disciples built the First Christian Church of that community at a cost of over $800.00.

Dan McKinney wanted a school for his people since the Methodist church has burned down where it had been built. He proceeded to hire a teacher and opened his home for the school. While friends seeing the determination and worth of this noble Disciple pioneer, built a school and named it after him.

Thus, in brief, is the story of a Negro Disciple pioneer in Mississippi named Dan McKinney who, though he never went any farther in school than the third grade, owns a rich 240 acres. He built a large and beautiful home, built a Disciple church, a public school, and put seven children through high school and four through college.

"A VICTORY HAS BEEN WON" AT DAYTON, OHIO

By E. W. Wilbert, 214 Sprague St., Dayton, Ohio

The Norwood Christian Church has paid off its mortgage with the Board of Church Extension. This task completed November 29th, 1942. The members that day rejoiced by shedding tears of happiness for having accomplished such a task.

A loan of (7000) seven thousand dollars was made October 1st, 1925. This congregation worked hard to pay this loan off, but the depression caught them and retarded their progress. Nothing was paid on the loan from the beginning of the depression until 1937.

In October 1935, E. W. Wilbert was called to the pastorate of the Church. On December of the same year the pastor and his wife arrived in Dayton to take over their new post. The church having been without a pastor since March, 1935, were found faithful for carrying on. If it were not for the faithful few, many churches would close their doors when they got without a pastor. Thank God for those who are willing to carry on in the absence of a Minister.

Upon our arrival we found this congregation faced with a debt of ($300.90). The ($300.00) was the unpaid amount of the principal, with the ($309.09) being back interest that had accumulated during the depression period.

We went about to organize the church into clubs that we might have the entire membership behind the debt. We did not have a hundred per cent cooperation of every member in this club effort, but the majority of the members fell in line and we began to work. Our big job was to prepare to entertain the National Convention in 1937. By the members working hard and cooperating with the pastor we were able to do a good job in taking care of our national convention.

Having entertained this big convention, we decided we could do the next big job of paying off our Mortgage. The two building fund clubs were organized in 1936. Mrs. Christina Johnson was Captain of No. one Club, with Mr. J. J. Murray as Captain of No. two Club. These began by buying victory bonds that was sent to us by the Board of Church Extension. These two captains served for two years. Mrs. Lizzie Wright became Captain of Club No. One and Mrs. Minnie Greenwade became Captain of Club No. Two. These two captains served from 1939 through 1942 until our Mortgage was paid off. In fact Club No. Two is still in tact and Mrs. Greenwade is still its Captain. The Victory Bond sale grew stale after two years and something had to be done to stimulate new interest. In 1938 a building fund committee was organized with Miss Margaret Lee as chairman and Harry T. McGill as secretary. This committee was made up of seven members each year with the same Chairman and Secretary serving from its organization to the close of 1942. This Committee met from time to time planning how to keep the interest up and the members working that there would be no lagging in our payments. I mean they did a grand job. At the beginning of our Committee meeting we always had prayer in order that God would lead us in our thinking. As a result we always left our Committee meeting with some plan to present to the members and keep them working.

There is another group that had a big hand in paying off this Mortgage namely the Young Adults. This group was organized by the pastor in February 1938 with Miss Viola Riffe as Chairman. They sponsored many projects that was a financial aid to our building fund efforts. One outstanding project was the National Convention Contest with the contestant raising the highest amount over ($50.00) getting a free trip to the National Convention. This project was introduced into the Church in 1940 by Miss Viola Riffe then Chairman of the Young Adult group, and continued through 1942 with the winning Contestant being sent each year to the National Convention.

There was another project that helped greatly in paying off this Mortgage. It was known as the State’s Rally. A person was asked to represent a State and raise a certain amount of money. The winner was crowned and given a present that the others were entertained free. The sponsor of this project was Mrs. Christiansa Johnson. All of these projects were a great help in paying off this Mortgage. I must not forget to say that each year Club No. Two led in the amount of money raised per club. It was often called a life savior. I have mentioned the various clubs and projects that were instrumental in helping to pay off this Mortgage, but I want mention the names of two young men that were always on the firing line, notwithstanding the whole or I should say the majority of the members were hard at work. I have two young men in my Church that any Church in the Brotherhood would be proud to have. Their names are Dan and T. These two young men have been on the job regularly since February first, 1938.

At the beginning of 1942 the balance of our Mortgage ($1,256.57) plus the interest which was ($50.71).
This entire amount was paid by November the 30th. In the mean time the current expenses were kept up to date. In addition the parsonage having been repaired. The Mortgage will be burned the first Sunday night in February, 1943. This congregation and pastor and family are full of smiles, and they have a right to be, for they have worked hard.

Any time a pastor settles himself and is determined he is going to lead his church to victory by the help of God, and not move every time he hears of a vacant pulpit, and because one or two of the members of his Church find fault of his work he will succeed. The path wont always be smooth nor way bright, but just hold to God's unchanging hand and He will lead you on to victory. We are asking the Brotherhood to pray for us that we might continue our good work here at the Norwood Christian Church. Just here I am reminded of two quotations one that I learned years ago when that old blue back speller was in use, and the other one is from the lips of Jesus. I am going to quote both of them. First, “If a task is once begun never leave it till it is done; be the labor great or small do it well or not at all.” Second Jesus said, “I must work the work of Him that sent Me while it is day for the night cometh when no man can work.”

**TRI-STATE AREA**

Rev. R. Wesley Watson, Evangelist, 3237 Lydia St., Kansas City, Mo.

The church at Tulsa, Oklahoma, under the leadership of Chas. H. Webb has paid their mortgage of $412.00. Pastor and good wife with the membership deserve much credit. They enjoyed a fine fellowship by serving a dinner and had an appreciative program, the writer brought the principal address, Elder Webb and good wife has accepted the work at Winston Salem, N. C., Cleveland Church. They really have done a good work in Tulsa and the church hates to give them up. Mrs. Webb, besides an active part in the church, has taught school under the auspices of Federal Council of Churches in the Religious Educational work and has made quite a contribution.

The Western District Convention convened at Muskogee, Okla. A very good meeting was enjoyed by all.

R. E. Searcy is doing a commendable work at Oklahoma City, he and good wife are much loved for their work sake and the church is supporting them in every way. The church at Muskogee, Okla., under the leadership of Z. H. Howard is going forward. S. B. Wallie is keeping the Bible School at the front and Mrs. S. A. Pirtle keeps the fires of missions burning.

Kansas City, Kansas has two new ministers, H. C. Postum and W. H. Brown. 8th Street and 3rd church reports work going well. The 1st District of Kansas held a good meeting with church at Atchison, Kan. A. R. McDuff, President. This district has really kept alive the spirit of evangelism and missions.

The district agreed to sustain the evangelist while he attempted to assist Emporia, Kansas, a most helpful meeting was held, two being baptized, one side of the building roofed and as soon as the weather permits the other will be. Churches that sustained the evangelist were: Institutional, A. W. Davis, minister, $4.00, Lawrence, Kansas, $4.00; Wichita, James Adams, Elder, $3.00; Elder George B. Parson, $1.00. The Ladies' Aid of Emporia is taking the lead in having the work done, Mrs. Frank Golden, President.

Woodland Avenue Church, celebrated S. S. Myers' 10th anniversary giving him as an appreciation a new suit and fifty dollars and made the good wife a presentation also.

The church at Hannibal, Mo., is doing nicely under the leadership of the evangelist, their debt is now reduced from $410.00 to $200.00 and they are hoping to pay off same in this month and will extend a call to a minister who has agreed to serve them. The writer preached for them, setting the church in order, and now they have a group of ordained officers and they are going along well.

After a brief vacation with our good friend, Elder D. W. Bradley and his good people of Rogersville, Tenn., the writer is on the job and finds a deal to do. While in Rogersville, Elder Bradley, his good wife and daughter who is one of the city teachers did many things to make ours a pleasant stay. One young boy made the Good Confession. On his way home we spent a day with friends and the church of Knoxville, Tenn. Elder Daniels is doing a good work in Knoxville, having paid off their parsonage debt and added many souls to the work. We spent a day with our own “Little Sister” found her improving, caring on in her usual way and full of love for the work and workers. Through her ever Christian courtesy, we were able to visit Elder Malloy, Elder Ralph and talked with our Editor who is a busy man as usual.

Having had a very pleasant visit we arrived in home for a brief visit with Mrs. Watson and were off again for the work. We have a full program. Churches receiving us with much enthusiasm and joy.

This leaves us at Witchita, in a week’s institute with the church.

**CLARK ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Greenville, Texas

Elder T. C. Carey, Pastor
Mrs. N. T. Fudgen, Reporter

Since our last report death came into our midst in the person of Brother Johnson. While in good health he made a faithful member and was like David who said “I was glad when they said unto me let us go into the house of the Lord.” His presence in the church will be missed.

During December one for baptism was added. We hope the New Year will mean more to the members than ever before. Each one at his post every Lord’s Day. If ever prayer was needed it is now. Men losing their lives some without Christ and we as Christians are asleep sitting by and not having any hand to spread the gospel. Arouse ye who call yourself soldiers gird up your loins and put on the whole armor of God.

**HERE AND THERE**

Elder John D. Henry
121 Front Street
Clayton, N. C.

NEGROES MAKE UP 10 PER CENT OF ARMED FORCES

Colored Units Serve Overseas

WASHINGTON.—Negroes are being inducted into the army through Selective Service in the same proportion that Negro registrants bear to total registration and Negroes are on active duty in most of the overseas theaters, the Office of War Information announced this week.

OWI cited the following statistics to show that Negroes are being inducted at least as fast and sometimes faster than white persons:

1. Although Negroes constitute 9.8 per cent of the total population, Negro selectees and volunteers constitute 10.1 per cent of all persons inducted into the Army through Selective Service as of November 1. 2. In 9 out of the 14 Southern and border states, percentage of Negroes inducted into the Army through Selective Service exceeded the percentage of Negroes registered in those states.

3. During the 1940-41 period, Negroes constituted 6.1 per cent of the total number of volunteers entering the Army through the Selective Service System.

OWI said Negro units are stationed
in Great Britain, Ireland, North and West Africa (including Liberia, Australia, New Guinea, Hawaii, Alaska, and the West Indies.

Rumors have been widely circulated, OWI said, that Negroes are not being as rapidly inducted into the Army as white people. Statistics show, it said, that in the Southern states on October 31, 1942, Negroes constituted 38.4 per cent of all inductions in Louisiana; 34.5 per cent in Florida; 34 per cent in Alabama; 27.8 per cent in North Carolina; 27.2 per cent in Virginia; 19.4 per cent in Texas; 19.1 per cent in Maryland; 9.1 per cent in Kentucky and 7.2 per cent in West Virginia.

"In each of these states," OWI said, "the percentage of Negroes inducted exceeded the percentage of Negroes registered under Selective Service." In four states, the percentage of Negro inductees either equaled the percentage of Negro registrations or closely approximated the proportion. Negroes constituted 44.2 per cent of all inductions in Mississippi; 34 per cent in South Carolina; 32.5 per cent in Georgia; 21.3 per cent in Arkansas; and 18.5 per cent in Tennessee.—Washington Correspondence in The News and Observer.

NOTES FROM THE OLD ASPARAGUS BED

By A. D. Gault
R. Z. Mayslick, Ky.

December weather was a test for the Christians. The soldiers weathered the storm and attended regularly. Brother Thomas Middleton, our janitor of the church, got severely burned when his house caught on fire. He went to the hospital. Sunday, December 17, I walked three miles to town and met Rev. Toles, the pastor, at the church. The key, being lost, we got another and had a good service. Brother James Gilmore, Treasurer of the Church, sponsored our Xmas program. Mr. Earl Corde, served as Master of Ceremonies and gifts were distributed to about 60 children.

Rev. Toles preached January 3rd. Collection $10.00. We have 25 little items. The annual report showed that we have all debts paid and 48 additions. All departments are working in harmony. We participated in a union watch-night service. Elder Crawford delivered the message. The members and friends presented the pastor and his wife with gifts as an expansion of their esteem for him.

Our choir, Mrs. T. W. Pratt, Director, is doing fine. They are called for by many colored and white churches. You are always welcome to visit our church.

LEA AVE. CHRISTIAN CHURCH MAKES PROGRESS
Nashville, Tenn.
M. R. Eppse, Reporter

Last week, January 9th, Brother Frank White, Chairman of the Official Board, reported to the Church that during the year $297.18 had been raised for the local expenses for the church; of this amount $295.64 had been paid out. It covered such expenses as: janitor service and other items.

Rev. Thompson, Rev. Braden, and many other ministers have supplied the pulpit. Elder Cothran was voted thanks for his patient and dynamic leadership.

The Emergency Millenium team was here during the fall and as a result, Mrs. Preston Taylor and Prof. M. R. Eppse took a unit each.

Elder William K. Fox, who was ordained at Lea Ave., will receive his B. D. degree in June. It is rumored that he will be extended a call to the church.

The Lamp Lighters League, a civic club, meets at Lea Avenue the second and fourth Sunday of each month.

EMINENT SOCIOLOGIST CHOSEN RACE RELATIONS DIRECTOR FOR THE CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

Dr. Charles S. Johnson, director of the department of social research at Fisk University, is the new director of race relations of the American Missionary Association Division of the Board of Home Missions of the Congregational Christian Churches, New York, it was announced yesterday.

Dr. Johnson will continue to live in Nashville while attending to his new duties, and will also continue race relations work with the Julius Rosenwald Fund.

He is a lay member of the Congregational Church on the Fisk University-Campus.

DISCIPLE SPARKS

The Ross Street Christian Church, Montgomery, Ala., which was destroyed by fire, has, through sacrificial living and real faith, almost completed a new building. Rev. Frank Lewis is the pastor.

Elder Charles H. Webb has been called to the Cleveland Avenue Christian Church, Winston-Salem, N. C. He pastored the Pine Street Christian Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma for several years.

Elder H. C. Paston has left the State Evangelistic Field of Texas to become the pastor of Eighth Street Christian Church, Kansas City, Kansas.

Elder W. H. Brown has been called to the Third Street Christian Church, Kansas City, Kansas.

Alexander Craggett, the son of Rev. & Mrs. C. E. Craggett has been ordained to the ministry at his father's church, Cleveland, Ohio.

Elder C. H. Dickerson, after pastoring nearly 50 years, has retired from the ministry. He recently pastored at Lexington, Ky.

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THE PARTING THOUGHT
By C. H. Dickerson
Old '42 gave parting grin
Lamenting "So and so,"
New '43 came rushing in
Said "Get your hat and go."
He tried to "arguefy" 'bout time
Said he'd been here so long
But your time's up, now things are mine
Sing us your farewell song.

So out the door stepped '42.
And '43 is seated
You've had your fling and you are thru
No "arguefying," beat it.
History will write you down
The most eventful ever
For tragedy you wear the crown
You've blasted all endeavor.

You stand atop the mount of crime,
You've majored in bloodletting
You've swung the scythe of "Father Time,"
And still your blade you're whetting,
I'll try to do a better job
Move out now I'll take over
Widows and orphans you've made sob
Now you may hunt for cover.

I promise now as I begin
To do the best I can.
My aim shall be to usher in The BROTHERHOOD OF MAN.
For we can see no other way
To stop this "tide of terror"
When hate and craft and greed give way
And truth takes place of error.

For truly spake the Magna Charta
Not fame or power of self
"Thou shalt love God with all your heart
And neighbor as thy self."
I'll plant the rose where grew the thorn
And where the warm blood splashes I'll turn this midnight into morn
Give beauty for your ashes.

And so we'll grind out miles of peace
And acres of Goodwill
And strife and all I'll will shall cease
And love all hearts will fill.

Goodbye old '42, Farewell.
With life you cannot gamble
We'll give you better news to tell
As down the path you amble.

Perhaps you've done the best you could
Yours was a better pill
But I'm not standing where you stood
New hand now turn the mill.

And now to God who holds the reins
And keeps the cart from dumping
While days and years go jumping.
Tho '43 brings on a smile
So proud that we got over.
We'll trudge many a weary mile
Before we "rest in clover."

EDITOR'S FATHER PASSES
Edward Ellsworth Eppse, a lifelong resident of Darke County, Ohio, passed January 19th, 1943, at the age of 81 years, 4 months and 15 days.
He was a retired farmer. His wife Henrietta Revels Eppse preceded him a year ago. They were the parents of ten children, six of them survivors.

ELDER C. H. DICKERSON RETIRES AFTER FORTY-THREE YEARS
340 Ohio Street, Lexington, Ky.
After eighteen years in Lexington, we are resigning the church here to take effect, January, 1943. "Resigned to take lighter work" reads the notice. We are suggesting a younger man and wife. This is a good church, fine people, parsonage, small salary, as usual, and much work is expected. These are splendid peace-loving officers and a healthy bunch of young people are here "ready and willing to go."
Too many of our preachers have to carry a sideline or do other work to exist and care for a family. Indeed some make preaching the sideline. All such is a disgrace to the church. No angel in heaven, not anybody else can remedy this evil. It is "Crime No. 1." The sin against itself is suicide in the first degree.

The church can, must, yes and will agree the BROTHERHOOD OF MAN, as usual, and much work is expected. These are splendid peace-loving officers and a healthy bunch of young people are here "ready and willing to go."

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ELDER C. H. DICKERSON
340 Ohio St. Lexington, Ky.
When the Negro Brotherhood gather around to discuss Dr. Wickizer's report on the Negro Brotherhood as reported in the January issue of the CHRISTIAN PLEA. They agree that it falls into three categories: The first, Dr. Wickizer's method of solution—the conference. They say a conference is a group of people who individually can do nothing, but as a group can meet and decide that nothing can be done. Second, Dr. Wickizer's fact—they say that a statistician is a man who draws a mathematically precise line from an unwarranted assumption to a foregone conclusion. Third, Dr. Wickizer's solution—and efficiency expert is a man who knows less about your business than you do and gets paid more (Dr. Wickizer's salary is about $4,000 per year) for telling you how to run it than you could possible make out of it even if you ran it right instead of the way he told you to.

It is a wonder that Dr. Wickizer would not formulate a philosophy about evangelism and the Negro and set up a long time program rather than cry about the conditions of the Negro. We know too well that the Negro Disciple is a good paying proposition or President Long and others would not be telling the story so sympathetically.

The Methodist Board of Education reported that they had 135 institutions and that $1,256,023.00 was donation to 26 of them. At this meeting sat 4 Negro Bishops and a Negro director of Schools who has an office with a Negro staff at the Nashville, Tennessee office. It is rumored that our Negro staff workers may have to move. We hope it is for efficiency and not because of their lack of social graces and decorum. There is an old saying that "Familiarity breeds contempt!". If we could get our Mr. Wickizer to visit Bennett College or Payne College or any of the better Negro Schools, he would see an educational program designed to lift people, one that gives them hope and zest for life. It is (Continued on Page 2)
die when it is located within 20 or 30 miles from a church where there is a full time minister; if it does, then it must be clearly understood that the Church where the full time Minister is, not a Missionary nor Evangelistic Church. If we are what we profess to be, then—What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear? 1 Sam. 16:14.

As a Brotherhood, we need a spiritual rain, one that will quench the spiritual thirst of the land, arouse our churches to their sense of duty, and shake the Nation with a moral earthquake.

January was a very good month for our Church even though it was cold and snow on the ground part of the time; The Lord blessed us with six additions, two of which were for Baptism; All adults. Money raised in general for the month was, $302.67 plus about $28.00 raised by our Plea Secretary, Brother E. E. Jones. This amount of money was raised without ever selling one dinner, or having one benefit party. Not that we are trying to discourage selling to others, but that we are trying to encourage the God given method of giving here. Two-thirds of our Official Board are tithers, and a good many of the members; it is catching, for each Sunday, says “it is necessary for our Negro to endure”. True, how many Negro work. He is not willing to spend all the traffic will bear”. That seems to be Dr. Wickizer’s philosophy about Negro work. He is not willing to spend more than the Negro can contribute. In the truest sense this is not good evangelistic sense. The strong must bear the infirmities of the weak.

It would appear sensible for Dr. Wickizer to state his philosophy. The one we propose for his thinking is:

1. Let’s have a redemption of the total man—Negro.
2. Let’s have a salvation of the Social order.
3. Let’s have a comprehensive approach.

With these principles, how could Dr. Wickizer draw such conservative conclusions as he did? (1) he says “Our Negro Brotherhood is widely scattered and numerically weak”. This is only partly true. The Negro is concentrated in 24 states, located in the southeastern part of the United States, and since we can go from China to America in four days, it is only reasonable to believe we can reach any Negro brother in the United States within the same time. (2) He says “it is necessary for our Negro pastors to serve more than one church for many years, because of our lack of trained ministers.” Here he condemns his own program. Whose fault is it when he will neither establish a ministerial school nor give but few little stipends to Negro boys to study and more to Negro girls from whom we never hear. (3) he says, “We must have an increased evangelism if the Negro is to endure”. True, how many Negro evangelist does he encourage. He gives a small sum to about 7 Negro preachers year in and year out. These churches cooperate very little with the PLEA or any part of the Negro work. Why don’t we have some National Negro evangelist who can deliver the goods? (4) He says, “coupled with an increased emphasis on evangelism must come increased supervision of the local church”. We ask Dr. Wickizer—why will you not urge the State Secretaries to share this responsibility and train up some area Negro supervisors? (5) He says “a more highly trained as well as a more numerous ministry is one of the pressing needs”. Yes that is true. But Doctor Wickizer why do you claim that if you educate Negroes they will leave the church. Where have we a place to train them? Who is recruiting them. (6) He says, “Missionary Education, with its accompanying world-mindedness, is lagging”. We say, yes, we only have one Missionary worker and probably one in train-

ing. Why do we not have Negro women trained? It is because they are not recruited for this task. (7) He says “The significant fact to be held in mind in connection with the revelation that 73 percent of our Negro churches gave nothing in 1942. Is not these causes need the financial support of our Negro Congregations but rather that our Negro brethren have such a slight sense of “belonging” to the total brotherhood. We wonder if he has ever been in a Negroes’ place. We wonder if he has had all doors closed to him for 78 years. We wonder if he has ever had to beg for everything, only to get a little hush money. We wonder if he was never made a part of anything and then accused of not being enthusiastic about it.

REV. S. E. TILLMAN WRITES
to Editor
66 Lee Avenue
New Brunswick, N. J.

One of the most heartening letters the Editor has received was from Brother S. E. Tillman of 66 Lee Ave., New Brunswick, N. J.

His words of comfort and assurance concerning the demise of the Editor’s father were greatly appreciated. Rev. Tillman spoke of his willingness to contact the church in New York and New Jersey. I do hope he does. We need their support.

Rev. Tillman is now constructing a new building and will soon be ready to entertain the National Convention. His wife, son and many members all ill at the present time.

He wants to hear from Rev. I. C. Franklin, Port Gibson, Mississippi. He has not seen him in 22 years. He also wants all agencies of the Brotherhood to write him. I am, therefore calling on the Missionary, Church, Bible School and National Convention officers to write to brother Tillman.

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NEGRO DISCIPLES STUDY WICKIZER REPORT
(Continued from Page 1)

lamentable that we have so much of God’s good earth and so many Negroes and yet we do not have scientific agriculture, shop work, poultry raising, gardening, shoemaking, cooking or commercial work. We will have to do more than sing and pray and work for ten cents an hour to attract, help and lift the Negro. We will have to stream-line our thinking and revamp our program so that it will prepare the student for the world in which he now lives.

They have an economic theory of taxation that works like this: “Tax all the traffic will bear”. That seems to be Dr. Wickizer’s philosophy about Negro work. He is not willing to spend...
REV. R. H. PEOPLES VISITS NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

February 5th to 8th were enjoyable days in Nashville, Tennessee, Rev. R. H. Peoples, our National Church Secretary opened his busy schedule by preaching at the Gay Street Christian Church. It was a stirring message and all were thrilled over his masterful sermon. Rev. G. W. Gore, Sr., the pastor was highly pleased.

Sunday afternoon, at 5:30 he met the officials boards of Lea Avenue, Gay Street, and Alameda Churches, at the Alameda Avenue Christian Church and arranged a Monday night meeting.

Sunday night he had the pleasure of hearing Elder R. C. Maloy, pastor of Alameda Avenue Christian Church, Elder Maloy 'spellbound' the crowd. It was a great meeting.

Monday at 10:30, Dr. Peoples addressed the 1,000 students at Tennessee State College and fellowshiped with many faculty members. Monday night 42 people from all three churches met him in a meeting at the Taylor & Co. office. It was truly an instructive meeting on the work of the church.

PRESIDENT ROBERT M. HOPKINS GIVES EDITOR INTERVIEW

President Robert M. Hopkins of the U. C. M. S. was in Nashville, Tuesday, February 9th, for a few hours. The Editor contacted him at the Hermitage Hotel and arranged for an interview at the Vine Street Christian Church at 10:15 for about twenty minutes.

President Hopkins assured the Editor that he was deeply interested in the Negro work and that plans were in the making for a sane and Christian program. He expressed delight over the CHRISTIAN PLEA and wished for it an uninterrupted life.

DISCIPLE SPARKS FRESH FROM THE ANVIL

Miss Carnella Jamison is visiting the churches in California. It is rumored that Birmingham bells will soon be ringing in her ears.

Miss V. Carney, Jarvis Christian College faculty member, has taken unto herself a husband. He is a Texas man by the name of Mr. Waddleton.

Rev. Ira Ashe has left the work at Georgetown, Kentucky and has been called to Mayfield, Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Rife, Dayton, Ohio announced the approaching wedding of their charming daughter.

NOTICE!!!

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AGENDA

MARCH 5th

2:00 P.M.—Devotion—Elder Cleo W. Blackburn

2:30 P.M.—National Program Meeting—Elder W. H. Taylor, Chairman

Report of National President

Report of Executive Secretary—Mrs. Rosa B. Bray

Report of Treasurer—Dr. J. E. Walker

Report of Christian Plea—Prof. Merl R. Eppse

Report of Missionary Organizations—Miss C. L. Jamison

Report of Secretary of Church Organizations—Prof. R. H. Peoples

Discussion

Adjournment

MARCH 6th

9:00 A.M.—Devotion—Elder L. L. Dickerson

Report of Committees appointed at October Meeting.

Report of Committees appointed by the President Discussion.

Recall from the table the question of Convention officers giving their travel expenses to special fund.

Adjournment.

2:00 P.M.—Devotion—Elder R. H. Davis

Discussion of the United Christian Missionary Society and the Negro Work and other items.

MARCH 7th

2:00 P.M.—Meeting of Committee on Evangelism of the National Convention.

MARCH 8th

9:30 A.M.—Inter-Agency Council Meeting in Conference Room at Missions Building, Elder Willard M. Wickizer, Chairman.

Please attend these meetings, as you are very much needed in a time like this. Make a sacrifice if necessary.

In order to assist the Convention financially, please ask your congregation to defray your expenses to and from Indianapolis.

W. H. TAYLOR, President

DES MOINES STUDENT PASTOR MAKES PLEA APPEAL

1007 14th Street, Des Moines, Iowa

January 8, 1943

Mr. Merl R. Eppse

449 4th Ave., N.

Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Eppse:

I was extremely happy to receive the December issue of the Plea which is the first one since being here. I enjoyed the greater portions of its contents but it touched me to know that 452 subscribers of our Plea readers became delinquent and had to be dropped from the list. They are sleeping in a dangerous time. I trust that the rest of us will not spend too much of our time in bereavement over those 451 who lost interest in our brotherhood and its program, but that we now roll up our sleeves with a determination to gain that loss a double-fold.

My wife and I are very busy here in this new section, but we are willing to take time out to do our part in getting subscribers for the Plea here. And if you have any more December copies of the Plea I should like to have at least six. Also send me the charges of what you send. I wish to make a strong appeal for the support of the Plea and that is one of my reasons for wanting the December issues in the hands of these individuals. You may mail them to me at Drake Bible College or to my return address.

The work is going nicely. The only thing it needs is continued hard work. We presented a Christmas program on which 24 children participated. These youngsters all came out of the alley and unchurched homes. Not only have we won the friendships of these children; we have won the hearts of their mothers and fathers.

We are both in school at Drake carrying 16 hours each. Mrs. Hawkins joins me in best regards to you and Mrs. Eppse.

J. J. HAWKINS

Please correct the error in the past issue of the Christian Plea in which you listed San Antonio, Texas with the churches without a pastor. San Antonio has a pastor. That is East Crockett Street Christian Church has a pastor. It has not been without a pastor one minute since it was organized by Evangelist H. C. Poston. Rev. T. S. Lyons, who is now the active full time pastor, was on the grounds and took charge before Rev. Poston left. The Texas United Christian Missionary Convention has invested $800.00 in that project since May 1942 and we are continuing the assistance.

I. Q. Hurdle,
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THE PASSING OF PROFESSOR JOEL BEAR LEHMAN
By Elder C. H. Dickerson
Lexington, Ky.

Had I not many years ago written in copious praises of the work and worth of President Lehman, I would not speak now. Too often have we had a "close up" contact with this great spirit, who went Home during the Christmas vacation. He was living at that time near the one place dearest to his heart.

Ke know President Lehman best during the more than a dozen years we served together in what we then called the Joint Executive Committee, along with Brother Grant K. Lewis (whose name was not Lewis) and Mrs. Atwater, Stearns, Robert Hopkins, Henry L. Herod, Sisters Alphin, Rosa Brown and the rest of us. Those were pioneer days when we were beginning to "try out" practical Christianity on our own selves and Prof. Lehman was one hundred per cent. To understand and agree with him you must realize that he thought in terms of future. My wife heard him at our conventions and always claimed that he was the "greatest Living Prophet".

Perhaps Dr. J. E. Waler and I are the only surviving "Hangovers" from those epochmaking and unforgettable days. The other have gone in. Well said the poet:

It is not time that flies
'Tis we, 'tis we are flying
It is not time that dies
'Tis we, 'tis we are dying.

Like fiery sparks from an anvil the fiery students from President Lehman have gone out in every direction and set a blaze in every community. Could every student place one bud upon his grave, his remains would rest beneath a wilderness of roses. We last saw him at the Mansion there at S. C. I., in August 1935 when our National Convention met there. He said not a word, but smiled and patted me on the hand. His faithful and beloved wife, Effie, we commend to Him whom together they have served so long and so well.

THE HISTORY OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF NEGRO WORK
By R. H. Peoples

National Negro Church Secretary
Indianapolis, Indiana

The purpose of this paper is to suggest an operative policy for work among the Negroes that will be mutually acceptable to the Negro Disciples and the administration of the United Christian Missionary Society.

To get a clear understanding of what the present policy of administration is, I think it necessary to review briefly the history of administering Negro work. Much of what is to follow is an interpretation of the few historical statements that are found in the records of the American Christian Missionary Society, the Christian Women's Board of Missions and the minutes of the Joint Executive Committee.

The organized work of Disciples among the Negroes was begun by a few interested individuals shortly after the Civil War. These individuals soon organized a corporation known as the Southern Christian Institute at Edwards, Mississippi.

A little earlier another group of individuals organized the Louisville Bible School at Louisville, Kentucky. During these same years at each annual session of the General Christian Missionary Convention resolutions were passed urging the convention to start an educational and evangelistic program among the Negroes.

It was necessary to create an educational program for Negroes. The corporation that started Southern Christian Institute after several years of operation found themselves heavily in debt. They appealed to the American Christian Missionary Society to grant them the service of the secretary of the American Christian Missionary Society to help them raise the money to pay their debts. The general secretary found this to be a continuing job; therefore he urged the American Christian Missionary Society to take over the majority of the stock of the corporation in order that they could determine how the money raised would be spent.

The American Christian Missionary Society followed the advice of the secretary and took over the control of the institution. Not only did they have financial worries but the problem of leadership for the institution was also a problem. There were some people who thought the best way out of the situation was to close the school and sell the property. This did not happen because Mr. Lehman and his wife were found and put in charge of the school. He was given a contract for five years which stipulated that his salary would be what he could collect from students plus what he earned on the farm above operating expenses. It was the faith of this young man and his bride that saved Southern Christian Institute for the brotherhood.

At the 1890 general convention a resolution was passed to set up a committee on Negro work. For one year the committee studied the needs of the Negro and sent out letters to the churches making appeals for money. In 1891 the committee asked the general convention to give them a secretary to travel among the churches in both the North and South and raise money for the Negro work.

The convention granted the request and selected C. C. Smith of Ohio to
serve as secretary. The American Society assigned the administrative responsibility of Southern Christian Institute and the Louisville Bible School of this committee. The committee operated as a free agent until the late nineties when the ministers of the local churches began to complain about so many appeals for money. The American Society took the committee over but gave them the money that they could raise to operate Negro work.

In 1900 Mr. Smith requested the American Christian Missionary Society to let the Christian Women's Board of Missions take over the Negro work. The Christian Women's Board of Missions agreed to assume the responsibility if the American Christian Missionary Society would give them the title to all the property. This the American Christian Missionary Society agreed to do. The women looked forward to developing a real program of education and evangelism for the Negroes. Mr. Smith supervised the whole program. It was his purpose to give more time to developing the local church, he had become such a promoter that he continued to promote and raise funds instead. However, he did get Mr. Lehman, who had been serving at Southern Christian Institute for more than ten years, to give some time in visiting the conventions; Mr. Smith gave what help he could. Out of this experience Mr. Lehman developed a training conference at Southern Christian Institute for local church and state leaders. The record shows that to the exact time when these conferences began, but the Christian Women's Board of Missions minutes mention them as early as 1910.

When Mr. Smith retired in 1912 as Superintendent of Negro Work, Mr. Lehman was chosen to administer both the educational and evangelistic programs. This was in addition to being president of Southern Christian Institute and editor of the GOSPEL PLEA.

In July, 1914, the Christian Women's Board of Missions employed Miss Rosa Brown as field worker to develop missionary organizations among the women of the churches. At the International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, the same year, the Sunday School Department of the American Christian Missionary Society decided to employ a worker to develop the Sunday School. P. H. Moss was employed and both workers were located at Southern Christian Institute where they could be supervised by Mr. Lehman.

Certain of the Negro leaders began to question the way Mr. Lehman was administering the Negro program. One of the main criticisms was at the point of training leaders for the church. The leaders thought that we should have a real Bible college to develop ministers.

It was this dissatisfaction along with the desire to participate in making the policies that would guide the work that gave rise to the organization of the National Convention. After the National Convention was organized it was permitted to elect its own members to the Advisory Committee, a joint committee between the Negroes and the Christian Women's Board of Missions.

When the United Christian Missionary Society was organized, the Negro work was accepted along with the Christian Women's Board of Missions as part of the total brotherhood missionary work. The Joint Advisory Committee was composed of heads of departments which carried on work among Negroes and Mr. Lehman, who still carried the official responsibility for administering the program of work. This Joint Advisory Committee began to take on executive responsibilities. The field workers began to make their reports to the committee and receive assignments from the committee. Mr. Lehman also reported to the committee along with the field workers. Mr. Lehman began to share the administration of the evangelistic work with the president of the National Convention, Preston Taylor. This plan of administering the work was carried on until the late twenties, when it became necessary to curtail some of the meetings of the committee to cut down expenses.

The first responsibility turned over in full to a department within the United Christian Missionary Society was the matter of setting goals for the churches and general promotion. Shortly after this the committee asked the departments of religious education and missionary organizations to set the salaries and allowances for travel for the field workers, since they would have to do it anyway.

The records do not make it clear just when Mr. Lehman gave up the responsibility of administering the educational program to the Division of Home Missions, but until his retirement he still had charge of administering the evangelistic fund. After his retirement, Mr. Grant K. Lewis took over the responsibility of administering this fund with the help of a small committee from the National Convention.

The administrative work of the Joint Executive Committee was discontinued because of a combination of events, all of which took place about the same time, namely: The committee stopped meeting regularly and met only at the convention; the deaths of Preston Taylor, P. H. Moss, and H. L. Herod; and the retirement of President J. B. Lehman and Grant K. Lewis.

With the coming of the new executive secretary, Mr. Willard M. Wickizer, the announcement was made to the 1936 National Convention that he was turning the administrating of the evangelistic fund over to the national secretary of Negro churches. The leaders in the convention were not willing to trust the administrating of the funds to the national secretary, thus this suggestion was never carried out.

From preceding paragraphs we see that the administration of Negro work had passed from the hands of interested white people (who saw the needs and went South to do something about them) to the American Christian Missionary Society and upon his retirement the Christian Women's Board of Missions appointed Mr. Lehman to succeed him. Beginning in the late 'teens Mr. Lehman began to accept counsel from an advisory committee. Then about 1918 the Christian Women's Board of Missions and later the United Christian Missionary Society shared the administration of the church program and the evangelistic program with the National Convention through a joint committee. Beginning in 1928 the United Society through its departments began to assume full responsibility for administering Negro work, which was completely taken over by the end of 1936.

After much thought and meditation, it is my firm conviction that the following recommendations should be put into effect:

I. Whereas, the Negro brotherhood is ripe and ready for full development after thirty-eight years of field cultivation, Whereas, it would bring our church nearer to interracial brotherhood in fact as well as in theory.

Be It Resolved, that Negro field workers be given full status as National Staff members within the United Christian Missionary Society and a responsible share in the administration of Negro work.

II. Whereas, all the departments within the United Christian Missionary Society that have interests which cause them to serve the Negro brotherhood would share in the support of the staff of workers.

Whereas, the staff of workers might be administratively responsible to one Division of the Society, but functionally related to all departments
that serve the Negro brotherhood.

Whereas, other organizations like Church Extension, Pension Fund, and Christian Board of Publication might be invited to share in the support of the Negro Disciples into full fellowship.

Whereas, the Negro constituency is desirous of full participation in the administration of the total brotherhood program.

Be It Resolved, that the Negro brotherhood be represented on the Board of Trustees of the United Christian Missionary Society.

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MISS JAMISON'S COLUMN

BROTHERHOOD MONTH
By Carnella L. Jamison

A great man once said of a man whom he saw across the street, "I hate that man". Said a friend to him, "you do not even know that man". "That," came the answer, "is why I hate him". Within many local communities this same experience occurs over and over. Because we have had no reason to really know and understand an individual there is little appreciation which we have for him. Brotherhood month and Race relations Sunday, in these years since its institution has at least afforded an opportunity for a few ministers and congregations, and church choirs to exchange places and begin to know one another.

Education theories place experience and learning in close proximity. In fact they are almost inseparable. Every effort is made to keep the experience a satisfying one, in order that he who participates will desire to continue the experience. Therefore it, seems that the experiences which we share for cooperation, understanding and fellowship ought to be as sincere (first of all) as helpful, as pleasant and as creative as possible.

If christian people actually need such a special time to set them thinking and to cause them to desire experience with others, Brotherhood month is an excellent time to begin, when most people who do anything at all are aroused. On the other hand there is an increasing number of churches, christian groups, labor unions, and interested young people who work at the job of appreciation and understanding of others as an all year or as a life time job. This is as it should be.

Not only does our government have written in its preamble of the Constitution, "liberty, and justice for all" but in the book of Christendom the Holy Bible "there is no respect of persons with God" (Romans 2:11) Jesus prayed "That they may all be one," John 17:21 verse.

There is one little suggestion which seems to be one upon which the smallest group might function, as it has opportunity for fellowship with people of other races, nations and creeds. Find something bigger than the group to do for others. As the group works together it will find that there is little need for discussing theories of their own relations, one to the other, but the experience together for others makes them one.

In a similar way the great service for others and the more often we work together here in these United States the greater becomes the importance of our missionary service around the world, not for our selves, but for Christ and humanity.

FIELD VISITS

Most recent field visits (1943) have been on the East Coast with the Brooklyn Churches Halsey (now St. Rest Holy Heights) Williamsburg and St. Phillips. In New Brunswick, New Jersey—Concord; in Maryland, Mt. Olive, Emmanuel, Unity, Second Christian in Hagerstown; and Twelfth Street Church, Washington, D. C. East Second Street Church, Lexington, Ky., was visited during the time of a youth meet in District Two.

These lines are being penned the Churches of California crowd the setting. Each visit both east, middle west, and extreme west affords much encouragement, and Christian fellowship. The people need the church more today than ever, and every church what ever its size or location has a christian mission of spiritual ministry to the people in its parish and a participating service in The World Christian Community.

HALF YEAR MARK

"Rejoice ye pure in heart, Rejoice give thanks and sing" are the opening lines of a great hymn. If paraphrase is permitted it might read, Rejoice that there are six months more in which to double and in almost every case increase your giving.

If every organization for the purpose of missionary study, service, and giving and every church and every Bible School among our churches were to reach the goal which was suggested last October and which they excepted our offerings would total something like $12,000 this year. Do you remember what the offerings were from all these groups last year? From missionary organizations alone, something more than $2,000, from Church departments—Bible Schools, and C. E. another $2,000. Thus the total giving for missionary purposes through United Christian Missionary Society, totaled a little more than $4,000.

Many people have said "I am ashamed of it." Are you? The total amount makes the per capita giving of Disciples in our churches less than 10 cents per year for missions. Now is our chance to prove that we are a church definitely committed to sharing the gospel with every creature, that we are committed to a universal witness of Christ.
Do not stop with reaching your goal, many of which are to low but double, yes treble it. In other words act as if you are sincere about the business of being Christian which includes in an inseparable way the business of being missionary.

R. H. PEOPLE’S COLUMN

A MESSAGE TO THE YOUTH AND THE ADULT LEADERS OF YOUTH
By William Fields
North Middletown, Kentucky

About five years ago the name Christian Youth Fellowship was first heard among the churches of our brotherhood. Today it is a familiar term in thousands of our brotherhood churches. But still there are many who have never heard of the movement. The latter statement is true about too many of our churches. It is my desire that this and the following article will help to spread the knowledge of this growing movement.

What is the Christian Youth Fellowship?

The Christian Youth Fellowship consists of the young people of the Christian Church or Church of Christ (known in official listings of denominational groups as the Disciples of Christ). The Program Guide for Christian Youth contains program suggestions for Christian Youth Fellowships within local churches. The Christian Youth Fellowship is not limited to the local church for it has district, state and national program-building tasks.

The pattern of the Christian Youth Fellowship within a local church has one primary emphasis: All of the young people’s work should be planned cooperatively. In some churches the youth program is directed by one set of officers who form an executive committee and have responsibility for program planning. This is called the Unified Plan of the Christian Youth Fellowship.

Other churches have several organizations for young people such as organized church school departments and classes, Christian Endeavor Societies, Boy and Girl Scout troops, Circles, Triangles, dramatic clubs and athletic teams. Even with so many groups, these churches plan their programs cooperatively by creating a cabinet. This cabinet includes representatives of all the groups and plans a total youth program for the Church. This is called the Correlated Plan of the Christian Youth Fellowship.

The Christian Youth Fellowship is not another organization to be added to those already existing in the church. It is not a name to be given to any one group that meets at a certain time, as a Sunday evening Society meeting. “Christian Youth Fellowship” is a term which a church uses to describe its total youth program, for it includes all of the young people and their activities within the church.

What Is The Purpose Of The Christian Youth Fellowship?

It is to develop and carry forward a Christian program for all of the young people of the brotherhood based upon the interests and needs of young people and the needs of the world in which we live. “This does not imply that the program will be based upon the superficial and passing interests and needs of young people. Rather it means that it will be formulated to meet the interests and needs growing out of the basic and fundamental need for Christian growth and development and significant Christian living.”

More specifically the purpose is:

1. To develop Christian personality in the young people of the Disciples of Christ Churches.

2. To develop a purposeful fellowship of Disciples of Christ young people in local, state, national and inter-denominational groups.

3. To unite young people of Disciples of Christ churches in active participation in building a more Christian world.

4. To train young people to a full allegiance to Jesus and to an active participation in all phases of the Christian enterprise.

5. To bring the various activities for young people which are being carried on in local churches, districts, and states into a closer relationship in order to eliminate overlapping and duplication and provide a balanced program of Christian Education for Disciples of Christ Youth.

6. To bring the young people’s work into line with the interests of the Church for not listing them as having enrolled in the United Christian Education Advance. It was an oversight of the office secretary. The church was enrolled in May, 1942, and the amount had been listed with others in the December issue of the Christian Plea.

R. H. PEOPLES

THE REALIZATION OF AN IDEA
By Miss Savannah Goode
Ky. State College
Frankfort, Ky.

It was in the Spring of 1941 and time for student elections at Kentucky State College. No cigars were given away that day but something non-material, greater than any cargo of cigars, was given away at that student election. It was an idea. What was the idea? Well two students, Edward Clayton and I, proposed having a student cooperative on the campus.

Because President Atwood became interested, in the fall of 1941, he visited the cooperative group at Georgia State College for Negroes. He was so impressed with the set-up at Georgia State College that upon his return, interesting meetings of the student body were held. It was at one of these meetings that registration was held for all students interested in becoming a member. From this group of interested students, officers were elected along with a very efficient and capable adviser, Mr. Arnold W. Wright.

Later in the Spring, representatives from Georgia State College visited our campus. It was from them, through forums, panels and discussion groups, that we learned of the problems confronting a beginning cooperative organization.

Our first attempt to raise funds was at the State Basketball Tournament in the Spring of 1942. From candy, pop, ice cream, and other refreshments sold to the spectators by volunteer workers, we netted a sum of $34. Thus our cooperative association had its beginning.

The next step was the membership drive. This was done, in the fall of...
1942, by soliciting members our first day at school in the form of shares and memberships. A membership card was 25 cents and shares were $1.00 each. At the present, our membership exceeds 200 persons including students and faculty.

The next problem was a location. Was the Co-op to be located on the campus or off the campus? At a joint meeting, the officers, the adviser, and the president decided that the ideal place would be the sub-basement of Kentucky Hall and that the Thoroughbred Inn was to be leased for a year to take care of overflowing crowds. At this time, the sub-basement in Kentucky Hall was just what the name implies, an unadorned, unpainted, bare room. Despite this, we opened September 7th selling candy, pop and hot dogs. Our first day's income was $2.15.

On October 5, we moved to Thoroughbred Inn enabling the school carpenter and his crew to remodel the base-

ment. During this period, we started to branch out and make connections that aided us in being able to obtain certain commodities. It was on November 10 that we moved back, not to a Kentucky Hall sub-basement, but to a beautifully planned, beautifully constructed, remodeled Kentucky Hall sub-basement.

We boast of having six oak colored booths, a floor space about 30 sq. ft., music, modern display cases, a unique office with individual desks for elected officers and their assistants, refrigerator, and other equipment. At the present, we are not only selling hot dogs and pop, but wrapped sandwiches, some hot foods, cosmetics, school supplies, novelties and souvenirs.

In regard to labor until the beginning of the second semester, Jan. 15, 1943, all work was done voluntarily. However, it is now being supplemented by paid student labor.

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**EVANGELISM**

**"COLUMN OF EVANGELISM"**

**VIRGINIA, WEST VIRGINIA, NORTH CAROLINA**

**TRI-STATE ECHOES**

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

By R. L. Peters, Field Secretary,
614 Hickory St., Winston-Salem, N. C. Phone 7863.
Fellow Ministers and Lay Workers:
Our Pre-Easter Institute will be held at the school of Evangelism 614 Hickory St., Winston-Salem, N. C. March 22-26, 1943. You are invited and urged to come and remain through the entire period. The following interesting practical courses will be offered:

- The History of the Church.
- Mission.
- Stewardship.
- Building the Christian rural community.
- Preaching from the Prophets.
- Principles of the Sunday School.
- Chapel Services.
- Whatever type of service you render in the church you may receive help from these courses. Deacons, Sunday School, Missionary Workers, Church Officials, Ministerial Students and active Pastors are expected to attend. There will be a great fellowship on Friday Night, March 26, 1943 and there will be a great program of music and preaching. Don't miss this red letter night at the school of Evangelism.
- The cost will be your travel and $5.00 for food. Isn't that cheap?

Why the church doesn't have Pentecostal Power? Answer. Because of the lack of Compliance with the Conditions is the only reason why His church lacked Pentecostal Power.

**What is Pentecostal Power**

It is the power of religious witness. Half-hearted religion is no religion at all. (Illustration) A preacher asked a little boy to what church does your Dad belong? Answer. "To the Christian Church said the boy, but he does not work at it much." (Smile) Pentecostal Power is the power of union. Hear the word. They were all with one accord and in one place. Acts 2:1.

In union there is strength, in division or separation, there is weakness. (Illustrate) 40 sticks scattered over an acre of land will not make 40 fires. Listen: we are told that those hundred and twenty disciples were in the upper room, and eighteen and nineteen but a hundred and twenty: all there and with one accord.

Lack of union destroys the power of the human body, or may I say of the Christian church.

Application

A paralytic eye, hand, or foot impairs the usefulness of the body. Think how a few church members never unite in prayer and work with the rest of the members. Dead vineyard no profit to the vineyard. Dead limbs will ruin the tree. (Read between lines).

Pentecostal Power is the power to witness for Christ. Christianity is a religion that advances by the means of Testimony. Where no one speaks for it, it dies, it needs the tongue. Hear the word: Ye shall be witnesses of men. Acts 1-8.

Brethren: Hear me, printed literature is good, but nothing will take the place of the tongue. You may pile literature in our churches knee deep, but unless some one uses his tongue and speak out in audible voice so men may hear as Christ said, 'Ye shall be witnesses unto me: The church will make slow progress.'

Pentecostal Power will never descend on a church of mutes.

What is Pentecostal Power? Pentecostal power is the power of the word of God. Notice Peter on the day of Pentecost what an orator, what an Expositor he became to his audience: What did he use to convince the Jews on the day of Pentecost, that memorable occasion? Joel 2:28-30., is the answer. Read even his address as recorded in Acts. Chapter second and you will find nothing there that you can't explain by the ordinary rules of rhetoric or canons of secular eloquence. It is the plainest kind of speech. It was a fiery speech fresh from the word of God.
Pentecostal Power was the Power of Prayer

Brethren: Hear me. The Apostolic Church, was a praying church it was born in a prayer meeting. The church of the First born, were witnesses for Christ, every where they went. That's the way they won the world, and established Christianity. Not by Education. They were unlearned. Acts. 4:13, Not by wealth. The founder of the church said “Foxes have holes, birds have nests, Son of man has no where to lay his head.” Luke 9:58 Not by popularity. The enemy called the founder of the church Be-elzebub. Matt. 12:27.

A fountain has opened up before me, therefore, I close. Let’s go in obedience to the Great Commission. Matt. 28, 1929.


The National Evangelist Itinerary: State of Mississippi on Dr. Eward Griffin’s field one month beginning fourth Sunday in March. In Chicago and State of Illinois under Dr. R. H. Davis and Mrs. A. L. Martin’s direction. “One month if necessary,” Guest speaker for one week at Ninth Ave. Christian Church, Roanoke, Virginia, February 21-28. Dr. M. C. Dickson, minister.

COLLEGE NEWS

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

Chicago Chapter Chicago, Illinois

Mrs. Leslie Clark, Reporter

The Mt. Beulah College Club suffered a great shock when news came of the passing of President J. B. Lehman. Each of us feels it very keenly because of the close contact we had with President Lehman at S. C. I. How very grateful we are for having had this great privilege. We know that we too, have lost a very dear friend.

We are sorry the news came too late for a representative from our club to attend the funeral. However, a telegram of condolence was sent to Mrs. Lehman and family.

In November, Mr. Leroy Lockholt, one of our most loyal members became a member of Uncle Sam’s Army. Mr. Loadholt’s address is Private LeRoy Lockholt, Co. C. 365 Infantry, Camp Atterbury, Indiana. I am sure he will enjoy hearing from his schoolmates and friends.

At the present time our service flag contains six blue stars and one gold star representing Ralph Coleman who was killed in action.

Alice Ruth Barden and John Wesley Lewis enrolled at S. C. I. this semester.

Alice Ruth is the daughter of Edward Barden, an outstanding member of the Imperial Opera Company which was organized and directed for many years by Mrs. Gertrude Smith Jackson who heads the music department at S. C. I. John Wesley is the son of our very fine and efficient president Mr. John C. Lewis. Both of these young people report they are very happy to be at S. C. I.

The Mt. Beulah College Club of Chicago is playing a large part in the activities of the United Alumni Association. Recently three of our members were installed as officers of this great organization. Mr. F. D. Perkins, president; Mrs. Viola Wills, Second Vice President and Mr. John C. Lewis, Assistant Corresponding Secretary. We are very proud of this recognition.

Mrs. Rosa Page Welch is leaving Friday February 5th on a concert tour in Ohio and Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Walter McFarland are proud parents of a baby boy born a few weeks ago. The McFarlands have two other fine children.

JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Hawkins, Texas

"Around the Campus"

By V. Carney-Waddleton

First Semester examinations are over, and like the steady grind of a locomotive moving off for another point on its journey, so is the work of the second semester beginning its trip. The male population is still being affected, for young men are going into the army or into defense work.

In observance of Prayer Week, January 12-17, Mr. John Eubanks gave daily lectures to the student body at chapel hour. His contributions were pertinent and gave all who heard them much food for thought. The fact that he has reached a high round in the ladder of success and has made such a dynamic contribution to society already at an early age was a source of inspiration to all.

The East Texas District Convention was held at Jarvis from January 29 through the 31st. Rev. T. B. Frost, evangelist of this district, worked hard to make this a “red letter” meeting.

The Student’s Voice is scheduled to come off press on February 5. Everyone is eagerly awaiting the arrival of the printer. All Jarvis-ites and friends are invited to subscribe. The rate is $1.00 a year or 10 cents a copy. Send your subscriptions to Miss Naomi Jones, Editor-in-Chief, Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas. Miss Naomi Jones was elected unanimously president of the All School Council in a popular election of a few days ago. This is the inauguration of an organization which will lead to student government on the campus. At this time, the Council is to be represented by a representative from each class and five faculty members.

The Activity Calendar for the month of February is as follows:

Feb. 4—Honor Society Debate.
Feb. 6—Kiddy Party by Triple C. Club.
Feb. 12—Football Banquet.
Feb. 14—Triple C Club Valentine Plate Luncheon.
Feb. 16—Negro History Play by Honor Society.
Feb. 20—Freshman Tacky Party.
Feb. 27—Y. W. C. A. Trip Around the World.

The Calendar of Sunday morning speakers is as follows:

Feb. 7—Dr. C. H. Uggams.
Feb. 21—Missionary Program.
March 7—Rev. F. C. Carey.
March 14—Rev. E. W. Henry.
March 21—Missionary Program.
March 28—Rev. Eugene James.
April 4—Rev. Beldr Dixon.

The Musical Group rendered its annual program to the Kilgore Business Men’s Club on February 4. Records were made of some of the numbers.

The debate between the freshmen and sophomores sponsored by the Honor Society was mentally invigorating and interesting. The subject was: Resolved that Athletic Activities Should Be Continued in Collegiate Circles. The freshmen supported the affirmative argument, and the sophomores the negative. The decision was rendered in favor of the negative team.

The Y. W. C. A. has its membership campaign on, and so far, results have been encouraging. One of the most interesting features of the year is being started on February 6, Heart Sitter Week.

Interest is still high in Sunday School. Classes are battling for the banner. It seems as if Mr. Dickson’s class has the tenacity of a bull dog when it comes to holding the banner. Competition is expected from Mr. Gill’s class.
ACTIVITIES OF THE BROTHERHOOD

GAY ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH
706 Gay Street
Nashville, Tennessee
G. W. Gore, Sr., Minister

And when you art converted, strengthen thy brethren Luke 22:32, was the text of the sermon delivered by Elder R. H. Peoples, General Secretary of Negro Disciple Churches, to the Congregations of the Gay St. Christian Church, Sunday morning, February 7. Elder Peoples gave quite a few encouraging remarks on "true conversion."

This very promising and efficient disciple is in our city to discuss important business matters with the churches of Nashville.

Our church has been host recently to quite a number of men in uniform from the various camps in and around Nashville and Kentucky. We also have had representation in practically all the religious activities of the city.

On Sunday afternoon, February 4, the Missionary Society is sponsoring a program at 3 o'clock. This society has as its president Mrs. Neale Smith, Secretary Mrs. Eva Petway. The Social activities are under the leadership of Mrs. Ethel Walker assisted by some ladies of the church. At a later date they plan to have a "Community Clinic", wherein they can give clothing to the needy. Everyone is asked to donate articles of clothing for this cause.

One of the most outstanding clubs in the Church is the "Dorcas Club," composed of the elderly ladies of the church. The president is Mrs. Ruth Krise, the members are: Mrs. Laura Parker, Mrs. B. J. Ross, Mrs. Belle Dixon, Mrs. Kate Carter, Mrs. Belle Spences, Mrs. Matilda Bonner, Mrs. Martha Evans, Mrs. Mary Southal. If you are ever over the Nashvill we invite you to visit us at the Gay Street Christian Church.

BLUEFIELD, WEST VA. NEWS
Anne Keeling, Reporter
407 Jones Street

"Each shall receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow-workers." 1 Cor. 3:8, 9.

The Annual Women's Day Service was promoted by the Missionary Society, January 31, 1943.

Dean G. W. Whitting of Bluefield State Teachers' College was speaker for the morning service. At 8:00 p.m., an interesting program was presented to a large and appreciative audience. Those who made contributions were: Messes: V. Morrison, A. Thompson, D. Holt, E. Booker, E. Keeling, L. Moss, M. Rippy, Misses L. Dickerson, A. Keeling, L. Anderson, G. Charlton, Elder Jas. Dickerson.

The Missionary Society under the leadership of Mrs. Esther Booker continues to increase its membership and gives its support not only to religious organizations but to the community as well.

We should show our gratitude to God by using His gifts in service to others rather than self. If our time, strength, and money are spent upon self, there is no evidence of thanksgiving.

Let us praise God everyday for His great love, "giving thanks always for all things." Then may our works prove our words of praise to be sincere.

When we do all we can for the cause of Christ, rewards will not be lacking, and they will last while time endures.

With Our Army

Private Aubrey Keeling, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Keeling is stationed in Africa.

Private Keeling asks the churches to pray that the soldiers may be able to maintain freedom of Religion and speech, by making the world a better and safer place in which to live.

World conditions today are sending many thousands of people to prayer. Prayer means the emptying of self, the abandonment of all decorative speech, and simply pouring out one's heart to God.

Amid the chaotic conditions of our present day world, let us remember God is keeping watch above.

INDIANA AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
4413 Indiana Avenue
Reverend R. H. Davis, Pastor
By Alma P. Cummings
4109 Prairie Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

Sunday, January 31, 1943, "Youths' Day", Mr. Thomas Griffin one of our fine young men delivered the message at 11:00 o'clock A. M. to an appreciative audience. Mr. Raymond Trotter, new member of the church, who is musically inclined was soloist.

On Thursday evening January 28, under the capable leadership of Mrs. Sallie Cotter. The Ladies Aid Society, presented Judge Wendell Green, as guest speaker, at their Fifth Annual Banquet. Mr. Albert Stanley was soloist, Mrs. Goldie Guy Martin accompanied. Mrs. Cynthia Martin served as Mistress of Ceremonies.

Mr. Horace Cayton, director of the South Parkway Community Center was guest speaker, Sunday morning, January 17th. The topic was, "The Negro and the War." The points given by Mr. Cayton were well taken by the audience.

The newly organized "Women's Voluntary Service Club," entertained the Service Men with a delicious turkey dinner and program. Mrs. Felisha Wells is the sponsor.

The Fourth Annual sacrificial Dinner and program was given by the Brotherhood.

All clubs and auxiliaries made their report for 1942, at the Church Fellowship Night. The Clubs and Auxiliaries were praised for the grand reports and progress made for the year.

The Messenger Club, under the guidance of Mrs. Elma Maderess Du Pree have installed a booth telephone, and opened a lounge beautifully furnished with new furniture. This makes it comfortable and convenient for members and friends.

Mrs. Essie L. Bond the wife of one of our beloved brothers, who passed on some two years ago was memorialized Sunday, January 31st with a beautiful basket of cut flowers.

The circumstances and conditions that prevail with the Senior Choir will dispense with their regular 3rd Sunday musicale this month and render their program every other month on the third Sunday.

During the month of January attendance showed much increase, Sunday morning 899. For evening services 221, additions to the membership 12. Church school 420 and 112 visitors. Sorry to say I cannot mention the attendance of the midweek Services.

CLAY ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH
By Oscela A. Dawson
P. O. Box 354
Paducah, Kentucky

THE CHURCH CONTINUES TO PROGRESS

During the year 1942, the Lord showered many blessings upon our church.

Under the able leadership of our pastor, Elder H. E. Jackson, we have joined the Christian Advance, and have advanced along the following lines:

Increased Church attendance—2 per cent.

Increased Giving—2 1-2 per cent.

Increased Bible School Attendance—2 per cent.

Increased Youth Group Attendance—2 per cent.

Study Groups
Mid-week prayer Service—"The Christian Family."
Offical Board—"A Church Board At Work."
90 & 9 Men's Club—"Doctrines of Christian Church."
Club No. 3—"The Guide Book."

Among other accomplishments, may be listed:

PROGRESS

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FEBRUARY, 1943
Improved order of worship in the Bible School, the Church, and The Youth Fellowship.

Heartstone in 10 Church families. Renewed efforts to assist the Christian Plea.

Under the able leadership of Mrs. Annie Ellis, the Woman’s Council is going forward to raise its part of the $1000 on the church debt. The Circle leaders are Mrs. Grace Majors, Mrs. William Brownlee, and Mrs. Rosa Pearson.

The Gospel Chorus which was organized April, 1942, on January 31, raised $57.00 as partial payment on the robes which they are expecting within the next few days. This chorus may be heard over WPAD, Paducah, each Saturday evening from 8:30 to 8:45.

In November a ten days’ Revival was conducted by the Rev. R. E. Hancock, Jr., Pastor of Nicholasville Christian Church. The Rev. Hancock was assisted in his effort by Mr. Earnest Cook, Gospel Singer of Louisville, Ky. As result of the effort, ten were added to the church and the membership greatly revived. During the entire year, 25 were added to the church.

On January 3, 1943, Brother Hugh Hayes preached his first Gospel sermon. All available space in the church was filled. The sermon, well prepared and well delivered, was enjoyed by all. The church is very proud of Brother Hayes and predicts for him a successful career in the ministry.

The Youth Group has been quite active this year. The group has held some very worthwhile sessions and have presented some very interesting specials among whom were, The Rev. W. H. Smith of Kentucky Avenue Presbyterian Church, Dean R. G. Mattheson of the Paducah Junior College, Mr. Mohammed de Ali, Dr. A. M. Parsons of the Immanuel Baptist Church.

On the second Sunday in February, the Youth Group will hold a joint session with the Youth Group of Ky Avenue Presbyterian Church (white). Both churches are pioneering as this is the first time anything of the kind has been attempted in this city.

On Sunday, February 21, at 3 P.M., the church will celebrate Men’s Day, with rendition of the following:

Cornet Solo: “Holy City”—John C. Howell
Offering
Remarks—Elder H. E. Jackson, Pastor
Benediction—Elder H. E. Jackson, Master of Ceremonies, Mr. W. W. Maddox
Pianist, Mr. L. Z. Milligan
Committee: Hugh Hayes, William Brownlee, Stanley Nuckols.

The sum of $24 was cleared on the Brotherhood dinner.

The church asks the entire brotherhood to pray that it may put over a bigger program in 1943 than in 1942.

SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Rev. Cleo Blackburn, Pastor
Gertrude Harris, Reporter
2504 N. Capitol, Indianapolis, Ind.

Among the winter activities of Second Christian Church the following were listed as the most outstanding:

On Sunday night, November 22, the Liberal Arts Guild observed a period of Meditation and dedicated an Honor Roll of the men of the church who are in Military Service. Chaplain Jones of Camp Atterbury and Rev. Blackburn were the speakers. At that time there were twenty five names on the Roll. This was a very impressive service.

In December, the “Circle” presented Mrs. Goldie Martin, soprano, of Chicago, Illinois in a recital. This was a real musical treat. Mrs. Martin was charming in her manner.

The Annual Church Dinner was the last Thursday night in January. At that time, about seventy members sat at dinner and enjoyed a well prepared meal, listened to a good program, and heard reports, financial, from the organization of the church and attended to the business. Mr. Lionel Artis, one of the most active citizens of the community, was guest speaker. The dinner was concluded with devotional service. Rev. Peoples was in charge of the devotions.

During the month of February, the Sunday School is conducting an institute for its workers and interested members and friends. There will be a study of the Bible, the teacher, and methods used in teaching young people and children. Dr. Griffin of Butler University, Miss Young and Mrs. Estes, of Third Christian Church, will be the instructors.

EAST TEXAS HOLD DISTRICT MEETING
Reported by District Evangelist
Mrs. Maude Davis, Box 462, Granger, Texas
Sunday January 31st, at Murphy Street Christian Church, Taylor, Texas. We held the third quarter of our District Board. Which was a very successful meeting. Our State Presi-
Board convened, all the Churches sent in their quota. We raised in that Board (at home) $50.00 which proves what cooperation will do. I do feel proud of my District, for their Christian spirit of those who humbly strive to do their duty. May God bless each one in His own way.

March 20-21, we will hold a Young People’s Conference in Holland for the rural group. There will be a demonstration of handicraft, making dressing tables out of orange crates, dressing table stools out of nail kegs, wash stands, coffee tables, book cases and clothes closets. Many useful, and beautiful things from unpromising materials, made at a small cost.

There will be a table of Free literature on Racial achievements, cook books, and scrap books of useful information for all those who attend.

REPORT OF BOARD NO. TWO

DALLAS DISTRICT

Elder O. B. Garner, Superintendent

EAST ANNE ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Fort Worth, Texas

Elder S. J. Sanson, Pastor

January 25-31, 1943

It has been quite some time since we have seen such a beautiful spirit of fellowship and cooperation that was shown by the membership of this fine Church.

Led by their most energetic, unselfish, and conscientious pastor, the membership set out to make this meeting a most successful one.

Some of the outstanding leaders of this meeting were: Brothers, J. H. Whitehead, C. J. Whitehead, Littles, Jim Jones, Sisters Bettie Whitehead, White and others whose names we did not get.

THE PROGRAM

Monday Night, Missionary Society, Sister Bettie Whitehead, Leader.

Tuesday Night, Bible School, Bro. C. J. Whitehead, Leader.

Rev. K. W. McMillan, pastor, St. Andrews M. E. Church, and congregation.

Wednesday Night, Elders, Brother Jim Jones, leader. Rev. P. R. Taylor, pastor of Southside C. M. E. Church and congregation.

Thursday Night, Choir Night.

Rev. W. M. Knox, New Mt. Gilead.

Friday Night, Ladies Aid, Rev. A. R. Nelson, pastor Baker’s Chapel.

Sunday 3:30 P. M. Deacons—Brother J. H. Whitehead, leader.

Rev. C. L. Parks of the Boll St. Christian Church and Junior Choir.

Elder S. J. Sanson is truly doing a fine work at the East Annie Street Christian Church. Elder Sanson came to this Church about two years ago and found a debt of ($1,100.00). To date that debt has been reduced to the small sum of ($180.00). Much credit is due Elder Sanson for having been able, with God’s help, to inspire these people to such lofty service.

The meeting was closed Sunday afternoon with the pastor and junior choir of the Boll St. Christian Church, Dallas. Six cars loaded with members of the junior choir journeyed to Ft. Worth to render service. These youthful singers were charmingly outfitted in their new robes which were given them by their pianist and director, Mrs. E. B. Weems.

Rev. C. L. Parks preached a masterful sermon on the identity of Christ. Prof. T. W. Pratt brought greetings to the Texas Brotherhood.

We are looking forward to our next meeting which is to be held with the Romine St. Christian Church, in May, Elder L. H. Crawford, pastor. Start now to make plans to meet us there.

We are asking each pastor to encourage his congregation to make a full report as this is our last board for this conventional year. Our Texas Brotherhood needs your support.

The following is the report of the churches that comprise District No. 2. Corsicana, 13th St. Elder E. M. Hurdle, pastor. Dallas, Boll St., Elder C. L. Parks, pastor—$27.96. Rockwall, Cedar Grove, Elder W. M. Waterhouse, pastor $2.14; Ft. Worth, East Annie St., Elder S. J. Sanson, pastor, $50.65; Dallas, Romine St., Elder L. H. Crawford, pastor, $3.50; Waxahachie, Wyatt St., Elder O. B. Garner, pastor, $6.25; Total, $100.50.

ANTIOCH CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Disciples of Christ, Inc.

Oliver Avenue and Lincoln Highway

New Brunswick, N. J.

Rev. S. E. Tillman, Pastor

Rev. F. Roy Wilson, Reporter

The Pastor, officers and members of Antioch Christian Church, Lincoln Garden, New Brunswick, N. J., welcome this opportunity to extend their best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year to all.

We are happy to express our gratitude to all of those whose contributions towards the building of our new church out in Lincoln Garden have brought to us the assurance that if God wills, the year 1943 will see us housed in our new and much needed place of worship.

Especially are we grateful to our White friends and good neighbors who have been most generous with their contributions and have always demonstrated a spirit of helpfulness both to our church and to our Rescue Christian Mission. Their gifts of money, food, clothing and many other useful articles have greatly helped to make life a little more comfortable for those less fortunate than ourselves, who are constantly coming our way. We want them to know that their helpful cooperation is most vital to our work and the friendly spirit in which it is given gives us much happiness and encouragement to carry on.

NOTE FROM THE OLD ASPARGAUS BED

By A. D. Gault, Route 2, Mayeslick, Ky.

I would just like to say that our church made a good start in this new year of 1943. On the first Sunday, January 3rd, we had good services, Sunday School and morning worship.

Rev. E. B. Toles, our pastor brought a good sermon and the offering was $10.45. Our church reported in the State Board meeting with $20.00. The Sunday School reported in the District meeting at Millersburg, January 16-17. While in Millersburg on the 24th of January, I received a report of good services in Mayeslick. At our official Board meeting, A. D. Gault, chairman, Brother G. L. Anderson asked the board permission to try to raise the National Convention money. The board voted for him to go on with the program. Mrs. Lillian Bolden was elected Janitor.

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HERE AND THERE
By Elder John D. Henry
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The fellowship enjoyed at the Wilson Union District is greatly accredited to the leadership of Elder N. C. Baker who now presides over that district. The meeting was held at the Zion Spring Church of Christ, Bunn, North Carolina. At the time Elder Baker was placed in the chair six years ago the district was lagging far behind the others. Since that time the work has grown from a financial and spiritual standpoint. T. N. District now has a large membership and is well attended by the young people. The Sunday afternoon services were in the charge of the St. Mary Church of Christ young people from Bailey, N. C. Mr. Dingle a student of the Standard Leadership Training School and Young People's Conference led this meeting with much confidence and capability.

All Districts are doing fine work and at this time it is hard to judge which one will come out ahead in the Pikesville, N. C. Meeting which meets May 28-30.

We are just from the Johnston County Minister's Association. It was well attended and everyone expressed determination to carry on the Evangelistic work as done a year ago. Elder D. F. Holloway is a successful pastor in the city of LaGrange, N. C. Elder M. L. Lofton is still pastoring and delivered an address that was rendered and carried out in such an excellent way that it is making a contribution to the local churches, district and State that indicates that progress is in the making and interest is growing in the work. Elder Owens and wife and his good members entertained in an excellent way. Among those attending from Mt. Sterling High St. Christian Church were the following: Mrs. Susie Lee Elster, secretary, Mrs. Mary D. Nelson, President of the local Missionary, Mrs. Clara Blair, S. S. Superintendent, Miss Melvina Blair, President of Young Peoples Department, Prof. J. E. Bean, District President, Prof. Wm. Elster, Misses Irene Jones, Nancy Jackson, Mary Cather Howell and Mrs. Maggie McClure. Miss Mary Butler presided and in her message brought some very constructive ideas and plans to the institute and also substituted for Miss Cornella Jameson who could not be present on account of a National Committee that was in session at Indianapolis at the same time. Miss Jameson promises to be with us at our next meeting which convenes at Little Rock. The next meeting being a Youth Meeting is expecting a large attendance, and Little Rock according to traditional custom is preparing to take care of it in good fashion. Young people, on to Little Rock! Our State President, Rev. L. L. Dickerson was present with his encouraging and helpful suggestions and delivered an address that was well received and highly beneficial to all departments. Brother Ed. Berry is our newly elected treasurer for the Church and is looking after the Churches finance with much interest.

Good reports were made and all look forward with prayerful interest to the Big Youth Meet at Little Rock in March.

Prof. J. E. Bean attended the State Board January meeting at Lexington and the Churches of the brotherhood were largely represented and some very important problems of the State work were under consideration. Among them was the information brought by Brother T. R. Everett of Midway informing the Board that Midway would not be able to entertain the State Convention this summer. A committee was appointed and due notice will be given to the brotherhood as soon as possible of the place selected. All are requested to keep in mind the next big monster meeting of church officials which takes place at North Middletown the second Sunday in April. Brother Buford Hall, President Elder Gentry, pastor and their good Church members are making preparations for a monster crowd. So be there.

Brother Hall and his program committee with the assistance of our State President, Brother L. L. Dickerson have outlined a splendid program. Come prepared to give your view point of the practices of the Christian that retards or accelerates its progress. These meetings have as their objective the lifting of the standard of the intelligentia of the Brotherhood who is to "carry on". So begin now to plan for the big men's meeting at North Middletown the second Sunday in April.

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As usual Second Church has been busy doing many things during the last few months.

In November, of last year the Circle and Sunday School presented Rosa Page Welch in a recital of classical and spirituals. She was accompanied by Mrs. Clara Hill, president of the Circle. We have never seen her so charming or her singing better. Following the recital a reception was held in her honor. She was the guest of Mrs. Towns while in the city.

An event of interest, in the life of the Church was a canvass of the entire membership for purpose of fellowship. A group of men and women called on the entire membership as messengers of good will. These visitors were trained by Rev. Peoples. We used and studied the "Opening Doors for Good Fellowship." The holiday season brought it's usual dinners and parties among groups.

Also under the direction of Mrs. Peoples and Mrs. Blackburn several committees have been at work. Mr. Peoples serves as chairman of the Education Committee which has three sections, Missionary Education, Fellowship and Bible School.

The Bible School is holding a series of seminars on Bible Methods, Young Peoples and children's Work. Mrs. Blackburn is seminar chairman with J. H. Hamlin section chairman. The Fellowship section is sponsoring a tea for new members on February 14. Chairman are Mrs. Hamlin and W. D. Brooks. During March the Missionary section will sponsor mission study thru the entire membership groups, official board, Sunday School, Aids and so forth. Mrs. Towns is chairman of this section. The method was suggested by Miss Jamison.

In January we had the honor of having W. H. Taylor, President of National Convention as guest speaker on January 10 and Rev. Myers, Pres. Washington, Mrs. Delsie Gray and daughter and Miss Bessie Chandler to worship with us.

At the annual meeting of the church the speaker was L. F. Artis outstanding churchman, an officer in the Episcopal Church, Manager of Lockfield Gardens, the government housing project.

The Church has decided to purchase a communion set for an army chaplain to be sent to Lt. Jason Cowan. Late in the fall we dedicated a service flag. Many of our men are in the service. By February 21 we plan to complete our Emergency Million subscriptions.

THE LEADER FOR THE NEW YEAR
By W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor
Baltimore, Md.

And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud to lead them the way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light. Exodus 13-21.

When the children of Israel were in the wilderness God was their leader.

Let us choose God for our leader in the New Year.

"I am the way," said Jesus in John 14-6.

Jesus is the way out. Out of the wilderness of sin. Out of this terrible war in which the world is engaged. "This is my commandment that ye love one another as I have loved you." John 15-12.

Jesus is the way through the years. "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28-20.

Jesus is the way into the door into the Father's House. I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and pasture." John 10-9.

Up to heaven and to God. "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven". Acts 1-11.

Jesus will lead us the right way. The right way is not always a pleasant way. Narrow, up-hill, lonely and rough. The right way is the best way, best friends, best destination.

Let us face the new year with confidence, confidence in Jesus Christ as Leader, confidence in one another believing that we will cooperate to do the great task that is to be done.

MRS. BOSTICK SENDS GREETINGS TO BROTHERHOOD

Mrs. Sarah Bostick, of North Little Rock, Arkansas, in writing says she wishes one and all much success throughout the New Year. She says that the Christmas day was a very happy one for her. First of all the Oak Grove Church and Scotts, Arkansas remembered her in a financial way. "Those are fine people who are under the leadership of Elder B. H. Armstrong and Miss Mary V. Moore," says Mrs. Bostick. From the Pearidge Church, the officers cut her a cord of wood which she was indeed thankful. The other church gave her several kinds of presents. Miss Annie Johnson from Los Angeles, California sent her some money. Also Miss Sneed from Mound Bayou, Mississippi remembered her with money. Nearby friends sent gifts in the form of fruit. Thirty-eight greetings reached her, and Mr. Gentry, a baptist friend gave her a dollar. God will bless the liberal giver.

MRS. BRACEY ACCEPTS NEW WORK

Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracey is no longer Executive Secretary of the National Convention. Mrs. Bracey left the office as of January 9th, 1943 and is now working as Field Representative of the National Negro Business League, with headquarters at Tuskegee, Alabama. It is reported her work is going fine.

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The Late Preston Taylor Spoke on Negro Disciples

President W. H. Taylor

Nashville, Tennessee will be visited by Elder Wm. H. (Baltimore) Taylor from April 2-4. On Friday Night at 8 o'clock, he will worship with Alameda Avenue Christian Church. Elder R. C. Maloy, Pastor. Saturday, April 3, at 3:30, he will meet with Dr. W. P. Harman, State Director of Disciple Work, at the Disciple Divinity House. Sunday morning, April 4, at 11 o'clock, he will preach at historic Lea Avenue Christian Church. Sunday night, at 8 o'clock, he will preach at Gay St. Christian Church, Elder G. W. Gore, Sr., Pastor.

He is asking all disciples to attend all these meetings as his plans for future work will be discussed. While in the city he will be the guest of Editor Eppee at the Tennessee A. and I. State College campus.

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(See picture in this issue)

One of the most useful soldiers of U. S. Army is Sergeant Henry E. Dobson, 821 Ridley Boulevard, Nashville, Tennessee. He is familiarly known as “Esly”. For eleven years he was the trusted employee of the Taylor Undertaking Company, Nashville, Tennessee. Mrs. Preston Taylor says he is one of the most courteous, honest and dependable men she has ever had employed. “As long as I live he will have a place with me.” Each time now when he gets a furlough, he returns to Nashville to see Mrs. Taylor. He has served in the army before, but at this time he has been in the service for two years.

The Late Elder Preston Taylor

The Late Preston Taylor delivered the following address on the occasion of organizing the National Christian Missionary Convention at Nashville, Tennessee, Sept. 5, 1917. He was the first President. After reading this article take stock and compare how much the Negro Disciples’ work has improved.

THE STATUS AND OUTLOOK OF THE COLORED BROTHERHOOD

REV. PRESTON TAYLOR

The movement for New Testament Christianity among the colored people began with Barton W. Stone and his work at Cane Ridge, Ky. Growing out of that work and incidental to it, the colored people in that community yielded obedience to the fervid appeals of the Johnstons, Rogers, and Ganos; for our colored brother, true to his religious and plastic nature, under the example of his white brother, could not be disobedient to the heavenly vision more than other human beings.
To this day, the place set apart for colored Disciples in the old Cane Ridge Church may be pointed out by the aged few of the hundreds who frequented there. The names of some of the colored converts who attended are found. The names of some of the colored converts who attended and who were rendered homeless. The C. W. B. M. was expected to do for this most needful field what the church had failed to do, and that too without the money with which to do, save as the colored work shared responsibility for the colored work. The C. W. B. M. has been charged with practically the entire work for forty years. Although a hundred years are behind the beginning of the colored brotherhood, one of the striking facts about it, is its smallness. No figures are given in the Disciples' Year Book as to the number of colored churches and communicants. It is claimed by some, in authority, that there are six hundred churches. The average number of members in a congregation is small. We have listed more than four hundred ministers. Fifty per cent of these are lay preachers without special charges or training. Our schools number six. One of these provides secondary education. The other five are devoted to elementary training. There are no schools for higher education among the colored Disciples. A considerable number of colored men have found their way into service in our white Disciples' colleges and into other schools of similar and higher academic standing. We have no newspapers of national import; no general organizations or meetings. Our churches are free to have fellowship in giving to the national work of the church. But even here, there is maintained no propaganda of education and inspiration through special workers, with the exception of a Bible School secretary recently put out by the American Christian Board of Missions.

For the past twenty-five years, this Board has been charged with practically all of the work done by the Disciples of Christ among the colored people. The responsibility was thrust upon the Christian Woman's Board, rather than having been chosen by it. Up to the time of acceptance of the colored work by the C. W. B. M., the church had many and what was known as the Board of Negro Education and Evangelization. For reasons which will shame some of our leaders at the judgment bar of God, this Board was dissolved and its black wards rendered homeless. The C. W. B. M. took them in and deserves to be credited with whatever gains they have made during these years.

The change so far as the church was concerned was a compromise between plain, hard duty involving large faith, patience, courage and service on one hand, and money, power, and prestige on the other—out of doubt, fear impulsiveness and shiftlessness on the other. Almost instantly, the other general agencies of the church as well as thousands of congregations felt free from any further responsibility for the colored work. The C. W. B. M. was expected to do for this most needful field what the church had failed to do, and that too without the money with which to do, save as the colored work shared interests with the then already full and growing program of the C. W. B. M. Thus the colored brotherhood was handicapped and cut off from direct appeal to the great, warm, but negligent heart of the church and made a sort of partaker on a proposition that commended itself to the church, mainly, on other grounds.

The program of the C. W. B. M. has ever been too full to meet adequately the needs of the colored work in America. That work needed and still needs not only church but rather whole church in the interest of well-rounded culture and Christian fellowship. Many of our colored churches have memberships that are reasonably large and capable. There is every reason why they should be trained in the graces of the whole church.

The colored brotherhood has had a forlorn existence so far as our state missionary societies are concerned. Where there is a sufficient number of colored churches, they have, usually, their own organization, which in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred has no relation whatever with the white state society. The state of Missouri, so far as I have been able to learn, is that one hundredth case. There the state secretary cooperates with the colored brethren and is a responsible intermediary between them and the white brethren. The state secretary of one of our leading states in Disciple work, a year or so ago, acknowledged without seeming abashment that during his twenty-five years of incumbence he had never attended a single state meeting of the colored brethren, although these brethren had been trying to do organized work for forty years.

Justice must say, however, that all, if not quite all of the colored churches were not wholehearted or whole body brethren in any given locality. The smaller towns and cities, especially, have been thoughtful of the colored Disciple. In the larger cities, usually, the local unions have found so much other work to do that the matter of colored evangelization has been neglected. Indianapolis is the most striking exception to this statement. The colored work there is almost wholly the fruit of local support and guidance. Similar interest is being shown in Cincinnati, O.; Baltimore, Md., and Kansas City, Mo. It is not too much to say that, almost without exception, wherever the work of education and evangelization of the colored people has been brought home to the rank and file of our white brotherhood, it has extended sympathy and generous help.

A study into the causes for the present status of our work must start with the colored people themselves. The first hundred years of our history found them, save in exceptional localities, almost hostile to the religious life offered by the Disciples of Christ. It is true today that nine colored persons out of ten belong in some sense either to the Baptist or to the Methodist churches. These institutions were early in the field of colored evangelization. Moreover the methods used were such as appealed strongly to the untrained, emotional nature of the black man. At all events, we are not far removed from the day when a colored Campbellite was considered the extreme of apostasy. The poor and blantly— a man with a head or book religion or no religion at all. Even now in winning enlightened colored persons to the cause of New Testament Christianity, one is called upon to break down family tradition and prejudice.

Again, the fewness of the colored Disciples, the poverty and remoteness from each other coupled with a lack of leadership have made impossible any great distinctive organization for the propagation of their cause. We have had, for the most of the time involved, no medium of exchange of opinion or way of comparing methods and results and thereby obtaining the possible encouragement from one another. We had no newspaper nor have we one now of national import. The Gospel Plea will always be a Southern Christian Institute paper, dominated by local interests.

The attitude of our white brotherhood on the race question accounts largely for our smallness. Without intentional wrong or neglect, the relation of the white to the colored brotherhood has been little more than trifling. It is only within comparatively recent years that any conscious plan and purpose have however meagre, have activities of our white brotherhood with regard to their colored brethren. He was in most cases simply left alone, separated by an ever increasing and corroding class spirit which denied
LATE PRESTON TAYLOR SPOKE

ament so much needed. Indeed in some striking instances, the Disciples of Christ have set the pace in heartless, unnecessary and silly racial discrimination. They have not found it difficult to strain at the great of human brotherhood or sectarian irregularity which they swallowed the camel of racial bigotry or un-Christian policy. It would seem that there should be no good objection to Christian men of whatever nationality working together in general Christian endeavor.

Now growing out of this accentuated class spirit as regards the colored man came the cheapened ideal for him. Too often our white brethren have reasoned that almost anything is good enough for the Negro. At all events the church has felt that in that he is regarded as about the last of descending human ratios. Perhaps this fact is most clearly shown by the church's educational ideal for colored men. More than thirty years ago it was held that a knowledge of the English language and the English Bible was all that was necessary for the colored minister. We have not changed that standard. In the training of leaders generally the church has felt that the higher culture is only unnecessary for the colored race, but detrimental. So we have among us the same spirit which threatened the great white brotherhood twenty years ago—the spirit of suspicion and doubt concerning the really educated man; the spirit that attempted to fix the Indian sign upon every man who had not been made in a given mold.

This policy has resulted in either sending the majority or our liberally trained men into other professions than Christian leadership or into other commenations for service and in putting a premium on a type of leadership that is incompatible to meet the problems of our day.

The question of leadership among any people is always vital. Particularly is this true of the colored people. Increased difficulty here should be met by increased ability, not less ability. Moreover, the churches, by large experience in this field, have all except our own recognized this fact. I think that many of our white friends would be surprised at the excellent caliber of millions who are ready. Gratified present the pick and cream of our people. The Methodist Episcopal Church maintains a number of colored conferences which during any ten years of their history more than match our entire record in points of church growth, church efficiency and church leadership. This church maintains, exclusive of the work done by the Woman's Home Missionary Society, twenty-two schools for colored people. Thirteen of these offer the higher training. The annual expenditure for educational purposes is $350,000. All of the national boards maintain field secretaries, usually colored men, to inspire and educate the churches along the respective lines. The church also maintains and for the moment an organism of first class newspaper. These conferences have a pro rata representation in the General Conferences, thereby fostering a dynamic unity in service.

Lastly, the Disciples of Christ fail to recognize the changed and changing condition among colored people and insist in dealing with today as if it were yesterday. With the progress of the colored man has come and will come the sense of self-consciousness and personality. For one to ignore this fact is to shut the door of opportunity in one's own face.

Back of all I have said, running through all and overlooking all are two striking features. One of them is the almost pathetically obvious the embattled and straggling colored Disciple of the Christianity of the New Testament as presented by the Disciples of Christ and the other is the great difference between the love, warwise and contentment, ignorant, busy and therefore indifferent heart of the Disciples of Christ toward the colored brotherhood.

There is no doubt that the seven million colored people in the United States need the Disciples of Christ and their message, perhaps as other. There is a simplicity and rationality about it that fits in healthfully with the heartfelt make-up of the colored man, thus tempering him in the interest of normal, strong Christian manhood. The colored people are ready. They are now at the point where they have grown quite ready for this message. Granted that the majority of them are inclined by paternalism to some other direction, they are nevertheless looking for something better and gladly accept it when full proof is made of its excellency.

Then, the Disciples of Christ, strange as it may seem, need the colored people, if for no other reasons, as the reed test of Christian orthodoxy and willingness to follow the Christ all of the way in his program of human redemption. For if the white brother can include in his religious theory and practice the colored people as real brothers, he will have avoided the heresy of all heresies.

The outlook for the colored brotherhood is conditioned upon a more healthy faith and pride on the part of the white brotherhood in colored people. Much depends upon what we think of the material we use, if we are to give it our best workmanship. It is up to the colored people in this connection to prove to the world that they are worthy of its best investments.

The colored brotherhood must be organized for work. Organization is not everything, but there is no growing life in this universe without it. Life that is to protect itself and to propagate itself must have a healthy articulate body.

There are those who when confronted with this problem constantly cry out, "The colored people are not ready." I have heard that cry all of my life and know it to be false cry. The personnel of the colored Disciples wherever found compares to advantage with the personal in other religious bodies. We have wasted at least a quarter of century listening to this foolish lament. May I ask if the colored people in the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the Presbyterian Church, in the Baptist Church and even in the distinctively Negro denominations, are ready? Perhaps our disposition to philosophize about the Negro problem rather than to work at it, accounts for much of our poor showing.

Finally, the colored brethren have no future without able leadership. The Disciples of Christ are not providing this ability leadership. Some of us doubt if they ever will. It is to be remembered that it is extremely difficult, if not quite impossible, to make first class Leaders by third rate methods. We are in dire need of at least one school of standard college curriculum where our leaders, especially those entering the ministry, may be adequately equipped for their work; where the boys and girls of the church may have a liberal education, where they can be won for Christian leadership. At present the pick and cream of our young people, are by force of conditions, in schools other than our own. Not do I care how much industrial training there is in such a school. There ought to be some. It is fundamental. The difficulty lies in feeling that it is sufficient.

I am ready to reaffirm my faith in the simple religion of Christ and the Disciples of Christ as the most faithful exponents of Him. They represent the faith of my fathers for more than a hundred years. I believe (Continued on Page 5)
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from the people of my Church anytime. Through the efforts of Mrs. Daisy Dean 2024 Howard Street, Little Rock, Ark. I am receiving the Plea. I would express to you and your staff my appreciation for the Paper and I pray that your works continue to progress. In the near future I shall send you some of my poems and maybe you would find some worthy of enough notice to be placed in the paper.

Yours for Christ,
Norman S. Ellington

CHRISTIAN YOUTH IN THE ARMY AND THE ARMY CHURCH
By Norman S. Ellington
Armed Forces, Australia

I What Christian Youth Believes

Every soldier who professes Christ has a strong belief in the denominational beliefs of his own particular church. At the same time he also recognizes the beliefs of his Christian Brother of another sect. This is primarily based on the true and logical deduction that in their denominations, as in ours, certain beliefs are emphasized above others. Those that we of the Disciples of Christ Church use as our essential points are not our property alone. Quite to the contrary we would have them accepted by others as they come from the teachings of the New Testament and therefore are well qualified to the point that they can be fundamental in the beliefs of all churches.

In the Army members of the Disciples of Christ Church have to make few adjustments compared with youth of the other denominations to fit into the Army Religious Program. As such practices are disposed of in the Army it is interesting to note how naturally the church structure formed resembles that of our particular denomination. In the first place our services of worship are entitled Christian Protestant Services. Save for the inserted word "Protestant" it differs from the services of worship of all other churches. Trust that the work in the Brotherhood is continuing to carry on in the best and most efficient manner. But before I go any further I must present myself. Norman S. Ellington of Fulton, Missouri. At the time of my induction into the Army I was the State President of Christian Endeavor and president of Midwest Conference. In my local Church I held several posts. I am deeply and vitally interested in the Christian Church and even now over here I am planning each day suggestions to give to place our denomination in its proper place in world religion. I am well informed about the history of the Church and our branch. I know of the personal endeavors of President Taylor and all who have followed in his illustrious footsteps. It has been my pleasure to attend several National Conventions and to see and know many of the people. I have known you for years. I remember reading a history book by you and carrying with me one Sunday morning when I was dressing for Sunday School I heard you speaking on the "Wings Over Jordan" Program. I never forget that enlightening message. If my poems of Christ Church have to make you to put them in the Plea and if you do send some extra copies to my Church at home I am sure that the people in the local Church would be glad to receive them. If it is possible I would like to have the articles run in successive issues. I also would like to have extra copies of them.

I would like for you to send the papers (that my articles appear in, if they are good enough) to Mrs. Mary Van Buren, 219 East 6th St., Fulton, Mo. She will make the sales for you. I am always happy to hear
known by the simple name of Christian. These young men believe in this name as its very name signifying the following of Christ helps them to put the program of the Master over the better. When the Chaplain asks for the hands of Christians it is employed in the sense that all followers of Christ and Christians and the young men are known as such.

Youth in the Army believes only in the Creed of Christ. They rally to this belief. No doctrine is employed but that of the Apostles. They are firm in the belief in the simple doctrines expounded by these Loyal Ones of Christ that walked, talked and lived with Him when He spent his years on Earth.

The Bible is the only inspired Word of God (that is the belief of Youth in the Army). Let us accept as our text of belief in the Bible that set up by our own Alexander Campbell: "We take the Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible, as the foundation of all Christian Unity and Communion." Every man has his right to his own interpretation of the Bible but there are certain beliefs where all Christian Youth in the Army are united. Some of them: the Fatherhood of God, the Divinity of Christ's Son, Salvation by faith in Christ as Savior, baptism (various forms), observance of the Lord's Supper (times vary), essential steps in conversion and others, and the Bible as the only guide or rule of faith and practice. Other books that tend to supplement the Bible have no place in the Army Program.

Christian Youth believes in the union of all the youth of all denominations. To perfect one great brotherhood is the primary aim of the Youth. This objective of the young men is well on the way to being perfected and time is the principal asset needed for final perfection.

Christian Youth believes in Baptism. In our great Army Christian Church we believe it is essential that every believer should follow the scriptural form of baptism, by immersion (and most of these that join up in the Service while in the Army are done so) but Youth does not say that those Christians baptized by other forms are lost. Youth merely believes in following the scriptural form. This belief continues to grow day by day and we find more and more of our converts desiring the Immersion method.

The Lord's Supper, established by our Lord Jesus Christ, is held as an institution in our Army Church. We are most firm in our belief that as the earlier Church met for this observance we too should meet at this Communion Table. In the field we find it difficult to conduct this Service but when able we have it once a week and we do not feel that this weekly occurrence detracts from the impressiveness of the Service. It serves as a constant reminder of the broken body and blood of Christ and keeps us conscious of the great task of ours to perform.

Christian Youth in the Army uses the different beliefs to aid in the big program for Christ. The scope of our program is boundless as no denominational lines are there to hinder the schedule of Christ that is greater than all the sects.

Christian Youth believes in arduous endeavors and know that each has a great job to perform. Our part in the great world evangelism is becoming more and more felt each day. From hills and hamlets and cities we come together and pool and uniform our beliefs in the Sea of Religion where our little ripples loom bigger and bigger and soon will play a bigger and better part in World Religion.

**ARMY YOUTH SPEAKS**

We believe

If the great work must be done

If a mighty war must be won

If we must race against the sun

We can do it.

We believe

If for want of youth your heart bleeds

If human minds can know your needs

If human hands can do the deeds

We can do it!

We believe

When the Life Clock ticks no more

When the Great Program is o'er

And they gather on the other shore

We'll have made it!

—Norman S. Ellington

**LATE PRESTON TAYLOR SPOKE**

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the Disciples of Christ have the message of salvation for my people, as for all people, for all time, world without end. Amen. It is this conviction rather than any encouragement or achievement, that has held me fast when otherwise I might have faltered. It is the faith of Christ that challenges us today to make good with God who shall judge the living and the dead.

**NATIONAL CONVENTION GOES TO COLUMBUS, OHIO**

By Mrs. J. A. Towns,

846 W. 26th Street

Indianapolis, Ind.

The National Convention Executive Committee, the Program Committee, the Committee on Evangelism and the Inter-Agency Council met in Indianapolis on March 5, 6, 7, 8. The sessions and meals were served at Flanner House with the exception of Monday's sessions of the Committee of the Whole which met at the Missions Building.

Sessions began at 2 o'clock P.M. on Friday with devotions led by Rev. R. L. Jordan, President Taylor appointed Rev. R. H. Davis, Chairman of the program committee in the absence of Rev. R. W. Watson. Some plans for the National Convention which will be held this year in Columbus, Ohio, with Rev. C. W. Arnold were made. Thursday will be Victory with Christ and all in the program. It will be attended by those leaders of the Army who will be notified early enough to make preparations. Elder Arnold promises hospitality and cooperation on the part of the people of his city. Persons present not members of the executive committee were so designated by the President. The President's report was received with appreciation and approval. Dr. Walker's report, the treasurer, was read and accepted. Mr. Peoples and Miss Jamison made their reports.

The group decided in the Saturday afternoon session that the entertaining church and the convention will register delegates simultaneously for meals and homes and for convention privileges. Plan to bring two dollars as delegate fee. The Convention needs your support.

Dr. Robert Hopkins and Mr. Willard Wickizer were present and the group discussed with them the United Society and the Negro work. Elders Arnold, Davis, and Mrs. Rosie Page Welch found it necessary to leave early, but the others present worshipped on Sunday morning with the Second Church. The group was benefited by a discussion on Evangelism of the Negro led by Mr. Wickizer.

Monday morning the group met in the conference room at Missions Building where reports and discussions were heard on the Function of the Inter-Agency Council and presentation and consideration of the program of the National Convention, the Sunday School, the Woman's Department, the Christian Endeavor and the Pension Fund, and the Board of Church Extension. The last two named boards serve Negroes and whites on equal basis. Our ministers and congregations would do well to avail themselves of the advantages of the Pension Fund. Ministers are not covered by the social security program of the government and must have insurance. It seems only good sense to obtain the benefits of the Pension Fund.

A delicious and attractive luncheon was served at noon by Mesdames Wickizer and Crain. In the afternoon we had presented for consideration, Evangelism, Institutional Missions, Social Welfare and Rural Work, Re-
MY PERSONAL OPINION
By Pres. W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor
Baltimore, Md.

I do not ask you to agree with me, but I do hope that you will understand why I have attended Executive Meetings, Meetings on Evangelism, Inter-agency Meetings and other meetings of our Brotherhood, the more I am convinced that it is time for us as a National Convention to develop ourselves; and not force ourselves on others for a hand out nor to force ourselves on others for a hand out or representation. It is an old saying that “the Lord helps those who help themselves.” I have learned from experience that the best way to be recognized is to recognize yourself. Just think of what we have as a National Convention, thousands of members, good churches, fine preachers, and the Christian Plea, The Preston Taylor Estate.

Why should we cry in the desert for bread, or alone in this wilderness war.

There is no division in our National Convention, such as open membership and other questions of doctrine that have caused divisions. Neither are we divided as to whether the name Negro should be capitalized.

In the language of Joshua 24:15 “And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve: But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

THE REPORT OF PRESIDENT W. H. TAYLOR TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN SESSION AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

It has been a pleasure for me to serve as President of our National Convention. We have had the full cooperation of Vice President R. H. Davis, former President L. H. Crawford, The Christian Plea, Bible & Missionary Society, C. E. Society and Ministers Wives Council.

We have also had the full cooperation of Secretary of Church organization, the Secretary of Missionary organization, the Executive Committee, the Advisory Council and many Ministers and Laymen.

President Hopkins and Elder W. M. Wickizer of the U. C. M. S. have given fine cooperation, and have expressed the willingness of going a little farther.

We have not heard from our Executive Secretary, Mrs. Bracy since the last executive meeting in October at Covington, Ky. We have written her two or three times, but no reply. We have tried to get our office, travel and other expenses on the (pay as you go plan) so that we would not have to call on the National Convention Treasurer for any money.

Then if we do not make any money we will not owe any.

Since becoming your president, we have visited six states. Some of these states we have visited twice. We have also cared for our pastoral work at home.

Amount of money donated to the president for serice rendered on the field.

Robbin St. Church, Covington, Ky.

Ninth Ave., Roanoke, Va.

Received from Second Christian Church, Hagerstown, Md. for President’s office and travel

Received from Emmanuel Christian Church, Baltimore, Md. for president’s office and travel

From sale of Constitution and By

Laws

Total received $171.80

Paid out

For letter heads and envelopes for president’s office $15.00

For letter heads and envelopes for Secretary Dickerson 3.00

For letter heads and envelopes for Executive Sec’y, Mrs. Bracy 3.00

For stamps and cards 12.80

For printing of the Constitution and By Laws 24.00

For railroad fare and entertainment 63.00

For printing of program for this meeting 1.25

For office work 14.00

Total paid out $136.05

In hand for president’s office and travel $36.75

Number of Christian Plea Subscriptions secured 21

Number of single copies sold 100

Faithfully submitted,

W. H. Taylor, Pres.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR SENDS “THANKS A MILLION”

I wish to express my personal thanks and appreciation to the several churches for sending their pastors and workers to the Program and Executive Committee Meeting held at Indianapolis, Indiana, March 5 and 6, 1943. This splendid cooperation on the part of these churches is an indication of growing interest and concern in the larger work of our brotherhood and it was indeed a great financial help to the National Convention Treasurer in relieving it of expenses that might have been incurred for transportation. The following persons were in attendance.

R. H. Davis, Illinois, Vice President; former president L. H. Crawford, Texas; Recording Secretary, L. L. Dickerson, Kentucky; Program Director, G. L. Parks, Texas; Bible School President, R. L. Jordan, Michigan; Music Director, Mrs. Rosa Page Welch, Illinois; 1943 Convention host pastor, C. W. Arnold, Ohio; Mrs. Josephine Baker, Vice President Na-
tional Women's Society, Indianapolis; R. H. Peoples, Secretary of Church Organization, Indianapolis; Miss Carmella Jamison, Secretary of Missionary Organizations, Mrs. Elizabeth H. McNair, Member of National Board; Mrs. Geneva Towns, Member of Board of Managers of U. C. M. S., Cleo W. Blackburn, Minister of Second Church, all of Indianapolis, Indiana.

We are asking all churches who did not observe National Convention Sunday, March 7, 1943 to please do so at once and mail $1.00 per member to Dr. J. E. Walker, National Convention Treasurer. (234 Hernando St., Memphis, Tenn.) I shall be glad to hear of your reports through the Christian Plea.

The president is asking all state presidents, National officers and members of the National Board, and ministers and laymen of local churches to do their full share in promoting the total program of the National Convention in this critical period.

Brethren pray for me.

Your friend,
W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor,
President.

COLORED LEADERS HOLD CONFERENCES

Annual National Convention to Be Held in Columbus, Ohio, in August, At Monroe Street Church

The Executive Committee of the National Christian Missionary Convention of Negro Disciples met at Flanner House, Indianapolis, Ind., over the week end of March 7, with W. H. Taylor, Baltimore, Md., as chairman. It was decided to hold the annual national convention at Monroe Street Church, Columbus, Ohio, in August 17-21.

At the invitation of the committee, Willard M. Wickizer and President Robert M. Hopkins of the United Christian Missionary Society met with the group on Saturday night, March 6, to discuss mutual problems. A resolution was adopted urging the Nominating Committee of the Society to name a Negro to the Board of Trustees of the Society. Negroes already serve on the Society's Board of Managers.

The Inter-Agency Council, composed of Negro leaders and representatives of the brotherhood agencies, met in Indianapolis on March 8, to discuss the relationship of the agencies to the Negro churches of the brotherhood.

Trustees of the Society, on March 10, approved the following policy, which had previously been approved by the Executive Committee of the Home and State Missions Planning Council for reference to member agencies:

That it is the opinion of this committee (on Christian Service of the Planning Council) that the question of brotherhood service to certain national groups, especially to Negro churches in the southern states, needs clarification as to the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of missionary service and guidance, and it, therefore, recommends that in those states in which the state missionary societies have the disposition to do so, such state societies be requested to approach the Negro conventions, Negro churches or other groups of Negro Disciples of Christ to offer counsel, guidance, and missionary service similar to the service extended to all other churches or groups by the state society.

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MONEY REPORTED TO THE CHRISTIAN PLEA TREASURER, MRS. PRESTON TAYLOR FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1943

1. Mr. O. D. Henry, 515 N. Lottie, Oklahoma City, Okla. (7-1 yr. sub.) $2.00
2. Mr. E. R. Jones, 1131 E. 7th St., Oklahoma City, Okla. (3 Subscriptions) $3.00
3. Mrs. Gertrude D. Hahn, 230 Spring St., Concord, N.C. (3-1 yr. 5-6 mo. subs.) $5.50
4. Mr. Precious Burnley, Route 1, Box 74, Big Sandy, Texas (1 sub.) $1.00
5. Mrs. Nannie Turner, 116 7th Ave., N.W., Troutville, Va. (2 yrs., 1 delinquent) $1.00
6. Mr. J. R. Edwards, 120 Warwick Ave., Massillon, Ohio (2 yrs. sub.) $2.00
7. Mrs. D. S. Thomas, 906 N. Morris Ave., Bloomington, Ill. 6-1 yr. subs.) $4.50
8. Mrs. George Jamison, 225 Avo Crescent St., Louisville, Ky. (1 yr. sub.) $1.00
9. Mr. F. N. Walker, Box 176 London, Ky. (7 subs.) $6.00
10. Mrs. C. E. Rowan, 852 Polk St., Memphis., Tenn. (18 subs.) $13.50
11. Mrs. C. E. Rowan, 852 Polk St., Memphis, Tenn. (2 subs.) $1.50
12. Mrs. N. T. Fugden, Box 606 Greenville, Texas (3-1 yr. subs., 6-6 mo. subs.) $3.50
13. Mrs. Edna Fugden, 741 E. William St., Dayton, Ohio (1 yr. sub.) $1.00
14. Miss O. J. McCullough, 354 Pet- duca, Ky. (30 Bulk Pleas, 1 yr. sub.) $4.00
15. Elder R. L. Peters, 614 Hickory St., Win- ston-Salem, N.C. (1 yr. sub.) $1.00
17. Rev. T. E. Everest, Box 192, Midway, Kentucky (4-1 yr. subs.) $3.00
18. Miss Carrella Jamison, 322 Downey Ave., Indianapolis, Ind. (5-1 yr. subs.) $3.50
19. Mrs. Joneva Saunders, 6586 Fire wood St., Detroit, Michigan (1 yr. sub.) $2.00
20. Miss Eunice Hall, 1501 First Ave., Terre Haute, Ind. (2 yr. subs.) $2.00
21. Mrs. R. H. Peoples, 2700 Boulevard Place, Indianapolis, Ind. (7-1 yr. subs.) $4.00
22. Rev. G. E. Letton, J. O. Price Homes, Covington, Ky. (5-1 yr. subs.) $5.00
23. Miss Emma McCullough, 534 7th St., Pad- dukah, Kentucky (3-1 yr. subs.) $3.00
24. Elder John D. Henry, 121 Front St., Clay- ton, N. C. (1 yr. sub.) $$.50
25. Mrs. E. W. Saunders, 206 East Walnut, Xenia, Ohio (3-1 yr. subs.) $3.00
26. Mrs. Sally Settleff, R.F.D. 3, Box 5, Reidsville, N.C. (1 yr. sub.) $1.00
27. Mrs. Lillian Ruth Ratten, Box 538, Winns- borro, Texas (1 yr. sub.) $1.00

TOTAL $86.00

CHRISTIAN PLEA

DISCIPLE SPARKS

Elder R. L. Saunders, formerly pastor of our Danville, Kentucky church, has been called to the pastorate of the Second Church, Lexington, Ky. His new address is 244 East Second St., Lexington. Mrs. E. W. Saunders, his wife has been one of our most faithful Christian Plea boosters.

Elder T. R. Everett, Midway, Ky., has sent in five dollars to be applied to the Taylor Christian College project.

Elder G. E. Letton, 138 J. C. Price Homes, Covington, Ky., has been supplying at the Georgetown, Ky., church.

The Kentucky State Board has sent a check for ten dollars to the treasurer, Mrs. Preston Taylor. We are grateful to the Board and Elder C. H. Dickerson for this aid to the Plea.

Mrs. F. O. Walker, London, Ky., is doing a fine piece of work in distributing the PLEA to her husband's church people.

Mrs. D. S. Thomas, 206 N. Morris Avenue, Bloomington, Illinois has sent in six subscriptions to the PLEA. Mrs. Martin of Chicago visited them recently and has helped revive the work there.

Mrs. Bertrude D. Hahn, 230 South Spring St., Concord, N. C. Has sent in eight subscriptions to the PLEA. This is a commendable start for a new Secretary.

Detective E. E. Jones, 1131 N. E. 7th St., Oklahoma City, Okla., has sent in three dollars in addition to twenty-five last month for subscriptions. This is a very encouraging report for Mr. Jones.

Mrs. Sarah Bostic, N. Little Rock, Arkansas, has been on the sick list. We are glad she is much better at this writing.

Mrs. Rosa Page Welch has returned from a concert tour of Ohio and Indiana. Mrs. Welch sang at the Ohio Wesleyan College, Delaware, Ohio.

Elder and Sister C. H. Dickerson have retired in good order from active ministry at Lexington, Ky. He has installed Elder R. L. Saunders of Danville, Ky.
COLLEGE ACTIVITIES

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

Johnnie Howard

Readers: Your reporter is assuming full responsibility for your having had no news from S. C. I. for the last few issues of the Plean. The news has evidently been getting to the office too late. I shall try to serve more efficiently for the remaining months of this school year.

New students at the third quarter are John Lewis, 12th Grade, and Alice Barden, 10th Grade, Chicago; Henry Gentry, 9th Grade, St. Louis; Myrtle Stiggers, 11th; Serie Carter, Geneva Lemon, Rev. Walter Taylor, Myrtle Stiggers, 11th; Serie Carter, and David Hutton-High School.

Magazine Examination" on world af-
ducted the "Time-Current History


Mr. Edward Brigham of New York was presented recently in a recital of songs and dramatic readings.

Mrs. Gertrude Jackson and her two daughters, Catherine Betty, "The Jackson Trio", presented a recital recently to an appreciative audience. They were accompanied by Misses Alma Jean Jacobs, Thelma Cowan and Jean Long. A reception was held after the recital.

The joint Parent Teachers Association has adopted the name, Community Improvement Association and has definite plans whereby it might live up to its name. This association is made up of teachers and interested patrons from eight school communities. It is encouraging the purchasing of a Rosenwald Library by any school in the association to the extent of supplementing that school with one-third of the total cost. The Edwards High School is expecting to be able to call on the association for their supplement in the very near future. Other schools will be aided in any improvements that they feel the need of. The March meeting will be held at the Mt. Shiloh school.

The Hinds County Singing Convention brought to our campus one of the largest crowds of recent years. Choirs and other organizations from our area participated.

Negro History Week was observed by each organized class presenting some phase of the Negro in American life during the chapel period each day of the week.

Southern Christian Institute cooperated with the government program in the registering of applicants for Ration Book number 2; over one thousand people in our community were registered on our campus.

The Senior high school class recently had a debate on the idea promulgated by one of our leading politicians, Resolved: That after the War Germany should be totally disarmed and German Youth scattered in concentration camps until Nazism is forgotten. The discussion provoked much thought on the part of the audience.

The 12th Grade Worship Class with their teacher, Miss Johnnie Howard is working with the Friendship Baptist, Green Grove Baptist and the Methodist churches of Edwards in conducting worship services. The object is to give the group practical experience in building and presenting effective worship programs.

Members of the Eleventh Grade Class are purchasing class rings this year less the war prevent their doing so next year.

A "Patriotic Tea" was given February 21 by the Freshman College Class.

The members of the senior college class have concluded three weeks of practice teaching in the Community school under the supervision of Dean Charles Mosley, education teacher, and Mrs. Miriam Terry and Miss Johnnie Howard teachers in the Community School.

Miss Virginia Nichols who is assistant to the dean is in Streets Sanitarium in Vicksburg after several months of lumbago and sciatica. We hope that Miss Nichols will not be away from our family group for a long period.

Dean Mosley, Mrs. Jackson and a quartett of young ladies helped the Mt. Moriah public school in a program to raise money for the purchasing of a piano.

The annual "Big Brother and Heart Sister" week brought its usual good fun and fine spirit.

President Long and Dean Mosley attended the Annual Planning Conference of teachers of the State. President Long also attended the Mississippi-Alabama Ministers Retreat held in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and the annual meeting of teachers of five counties of our area held at Brandon, Mississippi.

The basketball tournament was held on Tougaloo College campus on March 6. As this goes to press the returns have not been reported.

We have a total of sixty-six S. C. I. men and women on our mailing list who are in the armed service. Two young women are in the WAACs.

Fire recently destroyed our chicken house and over half of the 358 baby chicks. All of the laying hens were saved. It is thought that the fire caught from the brooder.

MISS JAMISON'S COLUMN

EASTER WEEK OF PRAYER

"We may 'ration' some of our meetings but time and transportation will somehow be found for meetings for prayer". All presidents of adult missionary organizations have read the above sentence from the pen of Miss Genevieve Brown and Mrs. H. B. Marx as they wrote describing to you the Easter Week of Prayer materials.

It is true that these are services which must be held this year for Easter takes on added meaning when we remember that out of the present conflict of death and suffering, Christian people have the blessed hope of rebirth of a new order for all people.

There are three services. Two of them might be mid-week closing with the third as a sunrise prayer service on Easter. May I plead with each local church to order these services and use them in your church. (40c per dozen, $1.55 for 50 and $2.95 for 100)

You will also be interested in knowing that there are dime coin holders provided now with labels depicting seven phases of work. They cost only one cent each (1c) and represent Foreign Missions: Preaching, Teaching, Healing; Home Missions: Evangelism, Institutional Missions, Church Maintenance and Christian Education. Love gift envelopes and offering boxes are free. They may all be ordered from the United Christian Missionary Society, 222 Downey Avenue, Indianapolis, Ind.

Woman's Department Plans Executive Meeting

The Woman's Department of the National Convention planned to have a meeting in October. At that time it was not possible to carry out the plans. Again the date has been set for April 2-4, 1943. Letters have gone out to all missionary department state presidents inviting them to Indianapolis, Indiana, for this most important planning conference.

The days spent here will be ones of prayer, study and planning. Already responses are coming in for attendance at this meeting. Appreciation is here expressed for local churches, individuals and state boards who are helping to defray travel expenses of these workers. Rooms and meals will be provided by the Indianapolis office. Let every state see that your president or your state secretary is in attendance at this important meeting.

Children's Work Fellowship Bulletin
Be on the lookout for our third issue, the third week in April. We are building up a mailing list. Will you please provide the secretary, Mrs. R. H. Peoples, Missions Building, Indianapolis, Ind., with the names and addresses of the folks in your local church who work with children (age 6-12)? The Children's Work Fellowship Bulletin is to serve you and report the activities of your children's groups. The April issue will be extremely interesting and practical.

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DR. R. H. PEOPLES' COLUMN

Pastors, Superintendents, and Bible School Teachers.

Dear Friends:

Since the Easter season is the last of April this year, the weather should be bright, sunny and refreshing. Therefore, our churches should be filled to capacity with members and friends wanting to reconsecrate themselves. This means that each and every church in our brotherhood should plan a worthwhile program during the next six weeks. I wish it were possible for me to visit every school and enjoy the fine program and fellowship which I know you leaders will have. Since this is impossible, I do want to remind you that the Easter season affords the best opportunity that your Bible school will ever have to dramatize the story of Jesus (His crucifixion and resurrection) to the children, young people and adults of your community. Help your members to become active Christians. Encourage them to sacrifice and save toward a special offering for Easter, so that Jarvis, Southern Christian Institute, the Mexican Christian Institute, Hazel Green Academy, and the other home missions institutions might continue to serve in this time of greatest need. The increase in living expense which you and I have also faces these institutions and the 125 missionaries engaged in the home missions enterprise under The United Christian Missionary Society. These missionaries and these institutions are depending upon the Easter offering which your church and others will give to meet the added cost of continuing this important work.

Several weeks ago the pastor and superintendent received some Easter materials from the office, including two pamphlets entitled "A Festival of Palm Sunday" and "Living Light". I trust you will use the Palm Sunday play. I am enclosing a portion of that packet for your information and guidance. If you need more fill out the order card and return immediately. I know that we can depend on your Bible school and church to do its part. No matter how large or how small the gift, we know that each and every giver can take real satisfaction in knowing that he has had a part in meeting some of the urgent needs during the two critical days.

Sincerely,

R. H. Peoples
National Secretary of Negro churches

NATIONAL BIBLE SCHOOL NOTICE!

Superintendents, Teachers and Pastors

Dear Friends:

We pause at Easter time to commemorate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. What a joy it is to know in this event we are assured of eternal life. Christ gave His life; now He lives. That means those who follow Him must give if they expect to live.

Let every Bible School make a good contribution to the Missionary program of our Brotherhood, Easter. If you have been sending, increase your offering. If you have not been sending, do so now, for the first day is whether the church will give so that Christian principles can be taught or whether your church and mine will permit the forces of Mammon to overpower us by our complacency. Our giving must match the needs of our time. The task of carrying the Gospel today is a dangerous one. We have those who will dare if they are assured of Bread, Shelter and Clothing. A demonstration of our faith in our Christ will be the sacrifice each Church School makes in this crucial crisis. Offerings as individuals or churches are indication of our loyalty to Christ. So let us keep faith and be loyal.

R. L. Jordan, President, National Bible School Convention.

A REPORT OF YOUTH ACTIVITIES IN KENTUCKY

By William Fields, North Middletown
(Continued from last issue)

The Christian Youth Fellowship as a movement in Kentucky was started by Mr. V. G. Smith, who was our Regional Worker, with the help of our National and state workers. The idea was too new to be accepted by our churches therefore only one church in the state actually tried to organize that first year. The church at North Middletown, under the leadership of William Butler and several others, found a challenge in this plan of work with young people. The C. Y. F. in that church has made some progress during the past five years. When Mr. Smith did not get much response from the local churches he turned to the Young People's Conference, which was already going and tried to sell the idea to the young people and their leaders. Out of this effort grew the idea of holding youth sessions and youth meets in the District Conventions. The Louisville churches put on the first youth meet, and later organized a C. Y. F. for the young people in all three churches.

The other districts decided to have Youth sessions and for several years had special youth sessions during one meeting of the year. Last year two of these District Youth sessions were changed to youth meets and Miss Julia Flowers acting Missionary Organizations Secretary, was invited to help with the leadership. This year another District has started a youth meet for the young people and reports much success.

From the Young People's Conference, the District youth meetings and the Youth Sessions in the state conventions we have developed a real interest in and concern for the program of the Christian Youth Fellowship. Mrs. William Butler has organized two other C. Y. F.'s in local churches. The one at Lexington has become the largest in the state and is doing a very fine piece of work. Miss Odie Belle Lewis and Mr. Clark Stone assisted by several teachers from the Lexington school system are the leaders. We have had no report from the other local C. Y. F. started by Mr. Butler but we hope that it too is making rapid progress.

This year we had the first meeting of the state Young People's Committee. Mrs. Edith W. Bristow is chairman. We hope through this committee to coordinate all of our young people's efforts and to build up strong active young people's group in the state.

The Committee is in charge of planning and administering the young people's program in the state convention, the district convention, youth meets and the state young people's conference. The Committee also counsels with the local church about its youth program. The Christian Youth Fellowship is really beginning to grow in Kentucky. Please let us know how it is doing in your state or area. Speak up Piedmont (West Virginia, Virginia and North Carolina) Texas, Ohio, Oklahoma, Missouri and any other state and let us know how your Young People's Program is doing.

It will soon be time for Conference and you had better get your younger boys ready to send because all the boys my age will be in the Army by that time. Do not forget Conference Keep it alive until We return and We will take over.

Yours for a better Youth Program,

Bill Fields
Co-President Kentucky State C. Y. F.
ACTIVITIES OF THE BROTHERHOOD

CLAY STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Paducah, Ky.
Mrs. Osceola Dawson, Reporter

"LET'S HAVE ACTION!"

The Christian life is all-action—there are no side lines, no retreats, no "times out".

The month of February was a very busy month, but I am not sure it was not any different from the other months in this particular. It seems that our pastor, Elder Jackson, means to keep all the months full to overflowing. Very well! That is a very splendid way to keep us out of devilment. You have been busy—what have you been doing? HERE IT GOES.

Since September, the Bible School has operated under the supervision of the Educational Committee. Under this plan, there is no regular superintendent, but instead, each member of the committee serves as Superintendent for a period of two months.

On Sunday, February 7, Bro. Hugh Hayes, who is aspiring for the ministry, took charge of the Bible School. Immediately upon his assuming the office, he launched a contest "Christ or the Devil". The picture representation consists of a "crownless Christ" and a "tailless devil". At the close of the contest, the winner has the delightful task of placing the crown on the head of Christ, and the loser the unpleasant task of placing the tail on the devil. Miss Jessie Wilson and Miss Dorothy Faines were appointed leaders. The points upon which progress is measured are attendance, offering and additions. Progress is recorded on a ladder. So far, Miss Wilson is leading. Since the beginning of the contest, attendance and offering have increased almost 50 per cent.

On February 29, was Blue Ribbon Day in the Bible School. There was a contest between the men and women. Seven biblical questions were asked. The women made the highest score and received the beautiful bowl of blue ribbons.

On February 7, Mrs. A. V. Weston, Instructor at Lincoln High School, addressed the Youth Fellowship Group. On February 14, the group celebrated Race Relations Sunday by holding a joint session with the Youth Fellowship Group of the Ky. Ave. Presbyterian Church (white). The results were splendid. Mr. Sidney Smith, accompanied by Miss Nadine DeBoe, sang "My Desire". He elicited a great deal of applause from the audience. Later in the program, Mr. Smith and Miss DeBoe sang "In The Garden". This is the first time that a meeting of that kind has been attempted in Paducah. The group was so impressed (Ky. Ave. Group) that they are planning to visit our group in the near future.

The Youth Fellowship Group is putting forth efforts to raise the $100 which the church has assigned them to raise on the church indebtedness.

On March 8, the Usher Board of Burk's Chapel Church will present for the benefit of this group, "The President's Review". Also on the third Sunday in March, the young people will have a pew rally. Rev. Biles of the Husband St. Baptist Church will be the principal speaker. We are happy to say at this writing that we have a very loyal, dependable group of youth—young people who are assuming active responsibility for the development of the church, and who are playing an active part in the entire program of the church.

All the auxiliaries of the church have been very active during the month. The circles for the most part have made a very splendid showing.

On February 25, the Senior Choir presented "The Prodigal Son", a musical Pageant, at the West Ky. Voc. Tr. S. From the standpoint of performance, finance, the play was a grand success. The main characters were Wilford Burks, the Son, Willie Robertson, the father, William Belle, the Elder Bro., and Ocey Holland, the Narrator. Burks, Belle, and Holland are students at the West Kentucky Vocational Training School. The choir under the direction of Mrs. Pearson, depicted very beautifully in song the Biblical parable. It might well be said that the actors, the choir, the "night clubers" were all at their best.

The Men's Day Program on February 21, was enjoyed by all. Dr. R. B. Atwood, President of Ky. State College, the principal speaker, spoke on some needs of Kentucky Negroes. Mr. Hugh Hayes will preach his second sermon on March 7. His subject: "The Devil's Tender Box".

On Sunday, Feb. 28, the new Royal Blue and white ribbons of the Gospel Chorus were dedicated. Also a communion table was dedicated. The dedicatory services were very impressive.

Much more could be said, but as we do not wish to bore our readers, we will stop here. We feel that our church is progressing under the able and up-to-date leadership of our pastor, Elder Jackson, and we ask you to pray that it may continue.

LONDON, KY., NEWS
Elder William Walker, Pastor
Cecile Gertrude Smith, Reporter

The Christian Church at London is in mourning at the loss of their oldest member, Sister Emma Stewart. She enlisted in the Christian Army in 1877, at the age of 17, and went to her reward February 27, 1943. She upheld the banner for Christ spiritually and financially. The pastor and members submit the following resolutions:

Whereas God in his all wise providence has seen fit to call home our dear friend and member, Sister Emma Stewart be it resolved: First: that we the members of the Church of Christ at London, Ky., do grieve at her passing and shall miss her great zeal for the church that she gave of her best to the Lord. All of her youthful days was spent in his service, and never felt ashamed of his name.

Second: That we as individuals shall endeavor to live, worthy of the high calling to which she has left to be finished.

Third: That knowing her as we did has given us a clear call for greater service, deeper consecration and a more unselfish adherence to loyalty and service.

Fourth: That as Sister Stewart was at the time, the oldest member of the Church at London. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to her brother James W. Carr of Chicago, Ill., and one put on record in the minutes of the church.

Signed: Elder Wm. Walker, Pastor and members of Christian Church.

The weather opening up, Brother Walker has begun to fill his appointments at Columbia and Camperville, Ky. Brother C. H. Smith who has been in the hospital at Dayton, Ohio is back home.

The Church, Bible School, Missionary Society, Young Peoples Missionary Council, Bible Training Class and various clubs and Boards are still on the firing line and marching onward to victory.

GEORGETOWN SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Georgetown, Ky.
Reported by Rev. G. E. Letton

A full day of activities took place in the Second Christian Church, Georgetown, Kentucky, February 14. A union service was held in the afternoon and presided over by Rev. A. B. Douglas. Music was furnished by the Zion Baptist Choir and greetings by Rev. P. G. Alexander, and a sermon by Reverend Letton on the subject "The Zero Hour."
MORGAN AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
G. E. Lakes, Minister
2817 Morgan Avenue
Parsons, Kansas

We are happy to say that things have been going well since our last writing. We had a very fine program on Race Relations Sunday. Our guest speaker was Lawyer C. E. Pile, a member of Central Christian Church, (white). Mr. Pile was formerly the minister of Central Christian Church. He preached to us on the theme: "Oneness in Christ Jesus" in which he stressed the following points: "Brotherhood of man, and Father- hood of God". Mr. Pile is a very fine man he has done many good deeds towards our church since I have been here. He always stands ready to assist me in every way possible.

I was fortunate in getting a few days leave of absence to visit relatives and a few friends in Mississippi last month. I found all the people doing very well and Mississippi is still going on in a big way.

Elder Frank Bradley, who has been with me since his graduation from S. C. I. last June, also returned to Mississippi and claimed him a bride. The Bradleys seem to like Parsons very well.

Sometime ago I tried to get the ministers of the city to unite in a city-wide effort to "Reach Every Person With Christian Teaching," but failed. Recently the Missionaries organized a city-wide Mission, using the same purpose, but in different words. We hope to get the same results.

Our plan is to do more "Evangelistic" work this Spring and Summer. We hope to have our Tri-State Evangelist, Bro. Watson, and others as soon as possible.

INDIANA AVE. CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Mrs. Anna P. Cummings, Reporter
4413 Indiana Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

On Sunday, February 7th Mr. W. H. Walker, secretary of the churches of Illinois preached on the subject: "The Resurrection". The two young men who accompanied him read the scripture and offered prayer.

Sunday, February 14, Mr. Harold Lungers, pastor of the Austin Blvd. Christian Church in Oak Park, exchanged pulpits with our pastor.

Mr. Lungers subject was "Lincoln as Peace Maker".

At 7:30 p. m. the Pastor's Aid Soci- ety sponsored an Interracial Pro- gram. The following persons were guests on the program:

Mr. William K. Fox, Disciples Di- vinity House.
Mr. Cromwell Cleveland, Disciples Divinity House.

Mr. Micizo Vrlatani of Kyoto, Japan.
Mr. Julian D. Weiss, Pres. Chicago Conference of Temple Men's Clubs.

These are some of the important achievements for 1942.

Total additions to membership 50.

By Confession and baptism, 15.

Many of these were from the Church School. The Volunteers Club under the leadership of Mrs. Nellie R. Smith with 16 other ladies as leaders of groups raised $1,147.06 on our Church indebtedness.

The Church and its Auxiliaries raised a total of $5,339.87.

The church supported the United Christian Missionary Society. The National Convention; The Chicago Church Federation, Chicago Disciples Union, and helped one student at Southern Christian Institute and one at Jarvis College.

Our Pastor was voted a substantial salary increase at the annual church meeting in December.

Our major objectives for 1943 are as follows: 100 additional members; the liquidation of our property indebtedness; increasing the momentum of the United Christian Education Advance; full cooperation with all brotherhood agencies; all-out support to the Christian Plea and National Convention; The sending of a Ministerial student to Jarvis College; the spiritual integration of our membership and the launching of a $5000.00 beautification and remodeling program in June.

BLOOMINGTON ILLINOIS NEWS

By Mrs. D. S. Thomas
206 N. Morris Ave.

Mrs. A. L. Martin, of Chicago, Ill., called the women of the Third Christian Church, together Sunday, March 7, and the Women's Missionary Society was re-organized. The follow- ing officers were elected, Mrs. J. Morris, President; Mrs. D. S. Thomas Vice President; Miss A. Duff, Secret- ary and Mrs. L. Calamise, Treasurer. The first regular monthly meeting will be held the first Sunday in April.

The Rev. A. L. Martin of Chicago, comes every Sunday and holds serv- ice at the Third Christian Church.

CLARK ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Greenville, Texas
Eld. T. C. Carey, Pastor
Mrs. N. T. Fudgen, Reporter

We are still on the firing line and the membership is increasing in at- tendance. We had with us Rev. Dick- son from Jarvis to fill an appointment for the pastor who was sick. We heard to two very interesting and instructive sermons. Death came to sister Susie Edwards on the 9th a faithful and con- scientious member of Center Point Church, Greenville. She made her life useful for the master, was an active member, good mother and neighbor. Always ready to lend a helping hand. She will be greatly missed in the home, community and church.

The brethren and sisters rallied against each other on the 21st. By so many of the men in the army the sis- ters sold $25.21 for them and $13.55 for the brothers.

We are trying to enlarge our sub- scripton for the Plea our church paper.

Two additions for baptizing.

GAY ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH
706 Gay Street
Nashville, Tennessee
G. W. Gore, Sr., Pastor

The members of the Gay St. Chris- tian Church were deeply moved by the word of the passing of Pres. J. B. Lehman, a number of them having had direct contact with him in past years. We wish to express our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Lehman and the rest of the bereaved family.

Sunday evening, February 14th the W. M. S. under the presidency of Mrs. Nealle Smith presented a splendid pro- gram. They had as their chief speaker Mrs. F. D. Coleman. They plan to have another entertainment Sunday, Mar. 14, at which they will have a speaker of great eminence. Sunday afternoon February 29 the church was host at a surprise birthday party for the pas- tor. After a brief but interesting pro- gram in the auditorium, the guests were invited into the reception hall to enjoy a delicious ice course. The table was very beautifully decorated with cut flowers and candles having as its centerpiece a small cake holding burning candles. At the table with Elder Gore, were Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Gore, Jr., Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Logan, Rev. R. C. Reid, members of the Dorcas Club. Mrs. Dora White, Mrs. Fannie T. Powell, Mrs. Reece, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Brown and others.

About 25 or 30 were present and ex- pressed themselves as having a nice time. Those in charge of arran- gement were Mrs. Ruth Kelso, Mr. James Thomas, Mrs. Jamie Deadrick. Those who assisted in serving were Miss Mildred Perkins, Mrs. Ethel Ross Walker and Mrs. C. Ross Foster.

We are planning a special drive to put a roof on the church in the near future. This we hope to have accom- plished within the next two or three months.

We desire the prayers of all the brotherhood.

BLUEFIELD, WEST VA., NEWS
Anne Keeling, Reporter
407 Jones Street


The Usher Board under the presi-
The Church's Aid Club, under the able leadership of Mrs. Mary Rippy, is making much progress. This Club presented $75.00 to the church.

SOUTH SIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
438 E. 46th Place, Chicago, Ill.

Activities conducted at South Side Christian Church February 7th were indicative of the progressive program being attempted this year under the guidance of Pastor Robert E. LaTouche.

An impressive baptismal service for four persons was performed during the morning services.

Among the several visitors present was Dr. R. Baldwin, Director of Religious Education in the state of Kansas.

A free fellowship dinner was given for the membership and visitors after the morning worship. This activity was under the joint sponsorship of the men and the Missionary Society.

The men were responsible for the dinner and the Missionary Society presented an inspirational and informative program on Latin America.

In the evening the church recognized the beginning of Negro History Week by viewing slides on the socio-historical development of the Negro since the days of slavery.

February 14th Rev. LaTouche exchanged pulpits with Rev. Metcalfe of the Jackson Park Christian Church.

February 18th the youth of South Side participated in the regional Christian Youth Fellowship meet held in the First Christian Church of Harvey, Illinois. The meet continued through Saturday evening. It is reported to have a great success and productive of much inspiration and fruitful experiences.

The cardinal concern of the South Side Christian Church membership is to secure an adequate church building where the wide program of a Chicago city church can be developed. Although we are facing this handicap, we continue to enrich our spiritual life through our various activities. Though we are not equipped to sponsor a civic program for our needy community at the present moment, our pastor is active as a citizen and representative of our church in Ministerial Alliance and other civic and social movements which are of great significance for the bringing about of the Abundant Life for all people. Though we are troubled on many sides, we will not be shaken; though we are often perplexed, we are not in despair. For in the difficulties of this moment we see through an intelligent faith the stuff out of which a brighter future can be made.

This is to inform our cooperating brethren that South Side Christian is doing its small bit for Kingdom building here on earth.

ELDER AND SISTER C. H. DICKERSON RETIRE FROM ACTIVE MINISTRY AT LEXINGTON, KY.

Don't fail to get our booklet of "Sermons and Sayings" which also contains the last word on Duties, Qualifications and Rewards of Elders and Deacons with chapter and verse and a copy of forty original poems by C. H. Dickerson, write 230 Ohio St., Lexington, Ky.

One Brother Scott has been kind enough to send us a copy of "How to Retire and Like It." Thanks galore. The writer Mr. Kaighn knows his dry goods. History not only repeats itself, but often reverses, even redeems itself.

These Lexington people with all their faults (and own) have been so very nice to us that we aim to "park" here a few more summers. The substantial tokens recently given, including suits and purses cannot be forgotten. The annex to the church costing forty-two hundred dollars is OK and happily used by Sunday School and young and old people.

In these parts March eased in "like a lamb" and proverbially will go out "like Jehu's horse" or even "Absolem's mule".

ELDER AND MRS. C. H. DICKERSON, 340 Ohio St., Lexington, Kentucky, who have retired from active service. You may get some of his best writings by addressing him at his Lexington home. Get, while they last, two booklets, SERMONS AND SAYINGS and FORTY ORIGINAL POEMS. Both for 30 cents. Address, Elder C. H. Dickerson, 340 Ohio St., Lexington, Ky.
THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

COSMOPOLITAN CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS

Mrs. Annie Pearl Jackson
Official Reporter

Rev. M. Frederick Mitchell, Pastor
3309 Hooper Ave.
Los Angeles, Calif.

The Cosmopolitan Church and the other two sister churches had the treat of their history, the visit of Miss Carnella L. Jamison, Secretary of Missions Negro Dioces U.C.M.S.

Besides addressing important meetings in our three churches, she conducted a Missionary Institute at Tazewell comprising all the churches; she also with credit addressed the Inter-Denominational Ministers Alliance and the Ministers’ Retreat of the Christian Churches of Southern Calif. As a result of her inspiring Missionary sermons, two live Missionary circles were organized. The two weeks or more Miss Jamison spent with our churches were truly full ones. Our Churches have taken on new Missionary vigor. She made a special appeal for Plea subscribers. We turned over to Miss Jamison five subscriptions for the Christian Plea. We are happy to have one so well qualified as Miss Jamison to come to a virgin field like California. We want her back next year. May God bless you. We shall be boosters for the Plea.

NORTH TAZEWELL, VA.

By Mary L. Dickerson

Box 123—North Tazewell, Va.

Rev. Eugene Patterson of Tazewell, Va. has resigned the First Church at Stuart, Virginia after five years of successful pastorate there.

The old church building was torn down and a new concrete block building erected during his pastorate, which is practically paid for. First Christian Church, Bailey Town, Walnut Cove, N. C. and Rev. C. T. Webb, Pastor of Cleveland Ave. Church; Rev. G. M. Dickerson, Pastor of Jones St. Church, Bluefield, W. Va. Rev. E. Patterson, Tazewell, Va. and Rev. Edward Cholson, Pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C. There was a large crowd present from far and near and the floral designs showing the very high esteem in which the deceased was held by the people who knew her. She was the mother of Mrs. Vascelia Spencer Hariston the Secretary of the Tri-State Convention and Mr. R. L. Spencer our Church Clerk.

Mr. Jno. Penn an employee of N. & W. R. Co. was present showing their respect to the deceased for his 35 years service with the N. W. R. Co.

R. L. Peters Church of Winston-Salem, N. C. The father is contesting his son Rev. Eugene Patterson’s Church of Tazewell. Our church here has about one third as many members as Spencer Memorial, but we are game and will do our best. A report will be given after our rally closes the second Sunday in April, watch for it.

EVANGELISM COLUMN

VA.—W. VA.—NORTH CAROLINA

TRI-STATE ECHOES

“Thine Ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, this is the way.—Isa. 30-21.

By R. L. Peters, Field Sec’y.

614 Hickory St., Winston-Salem, N. C.

Activities of Churches in Tri-State District

The church at Concord, N. C. is much alive. Ten new members were added the past six months at regular services, no revival. The offerings are above the average.

Rev. Eugene Patterson minister of Midway Christian Church, Tazewell, Va., and Christian Church, Bluefield, W. Va., reports that both churches are making splendid progress.

First Christian Church, Stuart, Va., is now in charge of Rev. B. A. Douglas, the former pastor resigned in favor of Rev. Douglas. Rev. Douglas is a splendid preacher and a good pastor.

Spencer Memorial Church church, mother of them all is progressing along all lines spiritually and financially. The foot and dime rally fostered by Pastors Aid closed 31st. Jan. Total receipts $125.00.

The church and all Auxiliaries are sponsoring a $500.00 rally that will close automatically April 11th. Each adult member of the church is apportioned $10.00.

First Christian Church, Bailey Town, Walnut Cove, N. C. Rev. C. M. Robinson, Pastor, of the church is getting along nicely.

The church at Parksgrove, Wilkes Co., N. C., is making splendid progress under their Christian leader Elder J. W. Mack.

The State Board will meet at Center Tabernacle, Greensboro, N. C., March 27th. Great preparations are being made to entertain the conference and the delegates are expected to attend a hundred per cent.

The churches in Tri-State Area are planning Pre and after Easter Revivals.

Tri-State Churches Pre and after Easter Revivals

THEME

“What a Revival would mean.”

What a Revival would mean to our city? By Y. M. C. A. Sec’y.

What a Revival would mean to our Nation. By a Minister.

Mrs. Mary D. Spencer member of Spencer Memorial Christian Church Winston-Salem, N. C. departed this life Tuedesday, February 9th. Funeral was held at Cleveland Ave. Christian Church. Rev. R. L. Peters officiating.

Assisted by the following ministers.

Rev. C. T. Webb, Pastor of Cleveland Ave. Church; Rev. G. M. Dickerson, Pastor of Jones St. Church, Bluefield, W. Va. Rev. E. Patterson, Tazewell, Va. and Rev. Edward Cholson, Pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C. There was a large crowd present from far and near and the floral designs showing the very high esteem in which the deceased was held by the people who knew her. She was the mother of Mrs. Vascelia Spencer Hariston the Secretary of the Tri-State Convention and Mr. R. L. Spencer our Church Clerk.

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NOTES FROM THE OLD ASPARAGUS BED
By A. D. Gault
Route 2, Mayslick, Ky.

February the last winter month found the church moving along with its usual good work. On the first Sunday we had a good crowd out and the offering was $10.50. The third Sunday was a good day bringing in visitors from the Baptist church and the Washington Methodist Church. It is said that we have the best running church of the town. Mrs. Ella Anderson, one of our old members is now on the sick list. John Washington, one of our Superintendents of the Bible School was inducted in the army, February 26th. He is the second young man from our church. Four members subscribed for the PLEA in February. We are hoping for a better month in March.

ELDER C. W. ARNOLD, Pastor of Monroe Avenue Christian Church, Columbus, Ohio, making plans for the National Convention of the Disciples of Christ which will convene at his church, August 17-23.

BLUEFIELD, WEST VIRGINIA DISCIPLE WITH OUR ARMY

Private Augustus Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson is stationed in Africa.

Private Thompson took an active part in the Choir, Usher Board, C. E., and Bible School before his induction into the army.
President W. H. Taylor Launches National Convention Drive

There was born, in Putnam County, Virginia (now West Virginia), October 22, 1843, a slave girl. Her owner, one William Henson, was an outstanding member of the Baptist church with at least formal religious scruples. He insisted that both his children and his slaves live strictly moral lives, attend church, and come to the "big house" to hear him read the Bible.

With secession, and the separation of West Virginia from Virginia, Henson moved with his slaves to Springville, Tazewell County, Virginia. It was here that Miss Harris met and married Bartley Dickerson, who later joined the Christian Church and became a pioneer preacher in the vicinity. To the union was born six boys—four of whom, W. H., C. M., G. M., and C. H.—became preachers in the Christian Church, and two of the four served for many years as educators as well. The late Elder W. H. Dickerson, of Lockland, Ohio, Elder G. M. (Continued on Page 2)

"Last year at the Kansas City Convention it was voted that we raise $5,000.00. In January our executive secretary took other work and therefore it is upon me to carry on with your help," says President Taylor as he makes his swing around the country.

Two appeals have gone out to observe National Convention Day one Sunday in March. I hope you have observed this day and by now you have sent your report to Dr. Walker. If you have not do it at once. In my swing around the country, I have asked the pastors to see that a National Convention Committee is appointed and that they will be encouraged to collect at least $1.00 per member and send it to Dr. Walker at once.

I also am calling upon all State Presidents and interested pastors to fill out a church report which will be sent to you soon. Brethren: bestir yourselves and let's get something in our treasury at once. If we will ever become a national body we have got to have the whole-hearted support of every member.

Let us get busy and do our part at once. Send all money to Dr. J. E. Walker, National Treasurer, 234 Hernando St., Memphis, Tenn. Please appoint a Christian Plea secretary to send news and secure subscriptions for our National paper—The Christian Plea, 449 4th Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn. Do these things at once.

MY VISIT TO VIRGINIA, TENNESSEE, KENTUCKY AND OHIO

By W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor

March 29th we preached at the Ninth Avenue Christian Church, Roanoke, Va., of which Elder M. C. Dickson is pastor. Elder and Mrs. Dickson have a fine son. The church donated $3.08 toward the President's travel, promotional and other expenses. March 30 we were with the Christian Church of Johnson City, (Continued on Page 2)
April 5th we were with the Christian Church of Mt. Sterling of which Elder J. E. Blair is pastor. This church donated $7.00 toward the president's travel.

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Let's raise $5,000 by the National Convention. We can do it. With thousands of members surely we can get at least five thousand to send direct or through your local church committee or state convention $1.00 per member. May I hear from you through the Christian Plea. I will be in your state soon. Brethren pray for me.

Your Friend,

W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor

FOX TO GRADUATE IN JUNE

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Many offers have come to Elder Fox. Among these is his mother church. It is hoped that he will make a wise choice since there is so much to be done and we have so few young prepared men to fill them.

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A MOTHER OF MEN

(Continued from Page 1)

Dickerson, of Tazewell, Virginia, and Elder C. H. Dickerson, of Lexington, Ky., need no introduction here.

The Elder Bartley Dickerson died of pneumonia in 1873, leaving a widow with six boys, ranging in age from three months to nine years. The three years that followed were years of untold hardships—struggles for the bare necessities of life. But the brave mother held on to her integrity and her firm faith in the God, who said, "If the widows and orphans cry unto me I will surely hear their cry."

Among these was brought to Christ by their influence. The influence of this good woman's work still goes on with ever widening circles. This mother of men—mother of preachers—may her tribe increase, and may they ever continue in the cause of Christianity and education.

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Laymen's Movement of East Sixth Street Christian Church, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Sixth Street Christian Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Rev. R. L. Sercy, Pastor
E. E. Jones, Reporter

In the above picture we can behold the likeness of some of the men who constitute the Laymen's movement of the East Sixth Street Christian Church, Oklahoma City. Reading from left to right bottom row; O. D. Henry, Bldg. Fund Treasury and Gov. of Local repair; E. E. Jones, Chairman of Trustee & Bldg. Fund; R. L. Sercy, Minister; J. P. Pegues, Chairman of Church Board; Attorney H. Mc. K. Rowans, Teacher of Men's Bible Class; Roland Harkey, Chairman of Ushers; Top row left to right—J. K. Butler, Treasury of General Fund; W. M. Greemillion, Deacon; Alex Jones, Church Clerk; M. Bush, Deacon; W. D. Fuller, Supply Deacon; Hubert Stephens, Deacon; Y. D. Huston, Deacon.

One of the objectives of this group is to have every member of the Church to catch the spirit of tithing, most of them are tithing and other men whose faces you do not see on this picture; Through them and because of them, the East Sixth Street Church for the first time has its feet on the ground. They send greetings to our Christian Plea readers, and a challenge to any group of men irrespectively; They are all readers of The Plea and members of the Missionary Society. They have a mind to work, and they are proving that if a church grows and glows, even though it has a Paul in the pulpit, it must have a Barnabas in the pew.

Sunday, April 11 is tithing day, each second Sunday each member is asked to pay 10 percent for the Church. Our offering averages $50 per week up. In getting ready to celebrate the annual men's day for May 2, Pastor Sercy sat down with the twelve rejoicing as he comes almost to the end of his third year's work.

Early service will be held for Easter morning and the women will have charge of most of the service that day, we would like for you to see our good women in action. Come and see.

"Across the Years" Progress
By Elder C. H. Dickerson
340 Ohio St., Lexington, Ky.

Progress is not always in material things, but such things often encourage. Many new fields have been entered by our people since our First National Convention and our cooperation with our good white people began.

While we may have been "Gods of the Mountains" we were lost in the valleys—the Cities. We now, instead of having only one cell buildings in obscure places, have commodious buildings and creditable congregations in such cities as New York, Washington, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati, Detroit, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Chicago, Kansas City, Texas, Oklahoma and many other states and cities.

We've also developed many men to man these churches and enterprises and still doing so. Then, our schools have given to us a noble band of young people, and still they come healthily flowing into the great strong active Christian service, God bless them.

"Ye fearful Saints fresh courage take
The clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy and will break
With blessings on your heads."

Elder G. E. Letton Revives Soldiers

Camp Fort Thomas, Kentucky

Where hundreds of Negro soldiers are stationed were agreeably surprised with the power of Elder Letton. He held services in the chapel where four hundred soldiers assembled.

Thirty-eight soldiers made the "Good Confession," Chaplains David Ostergrer and Charles B. Kuhn, were highly pleased with the outcome. Mrs. Letton accompanied her husband and assisted with the meeting.
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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

“FOOT-PRINTS ON THE SANDS OF TIME”
By F. J. D. Mckinney


“Have you been true?”

“Have you been true to your Christ?”

“Have you been true to your self?”

“Have you been true to your church?”

“Have you been true to your elders?”

“Have you been true to your pastor?”

“Have you been true to the teachings of the New Testament?”

These were the questions that were asked the congregation of Lea Avenue Christian Church, of Nashville, Tennessee, by Rev. W. H. Taylor of Baltimore, Maryland. Rev. Taylor is National President of The Brotherhood of the Disciples of Christ.

Rev. Taylor is visiting Disciples' Churches in Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia and Maryland. While in Nashville he worshiped with Elder R. C. Maloy, Pastor of the Alameda Avenue Christian Church. He met with Dr. W. P. Harman, State Director of Disciple Work, at the Disciples Divinity House. On Sunday, April 4th he preached at Lea Avenue Christian Church and Gay Street Christian Church respectively. All of the meetings were well attended. Rev. Taylor was the guest of Professor M. R. Eppe of Tennessee State College who is editor-in-chief of The Christian Plea.

We as a denomination are in need of more pastors of the caliber of Rev. Taylor. He is a minister with a message that is truly founded on “the teachings of the New Testament.” His message had warmth, fire, force, strength, determination and the spirit of Jesus Christ ranging through out.

He pointed out that each and every individual should examine himself, just as a school teacher examines his pupils, and ask himself the question, “have I been true to myself and to Jesus Christ?”. He stressed the point that you can fool other people but it is impossible to fool yourself and Jesus Christ. Therefore, YOU and YOU and YOU should examine yourself and see if you are living according to the teachings of the Bible.

This type of work that Rev. Taylor is doing is very worthwhile and necessary if your Brotherhood and my Brotherhood is to service and succeed in these times of trial and tribulation. So, let us as good Christians not let the Lord's work go undone.

May God's speed be within us all until we meet again through The Christian Plea.

ELDER R. H. PEOPLES' COLUMN

SUMMER TIME IS CONFERENCE TIME AND VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TIME

Churches should make plans now for young peoples conferences and vacation church school for children. The Church must not let the pressure and excitement of our times cause it to neglect its children and young people. We are urging our church leaders to select the best young people and send them to conference this year. Send as many as you can because no one can tell what may happen next year.

We must train our young people today if we expect to have trained leaders for tomorrow's Church. Do not forget the boys. We must have them in order to train our elders and deacons for the future Church. Send your younger boys; we must start early to get ahead of the Army. We will take them at fifteen or at fourteen if they are first year high school students.

Conference Places and Dates, 1943
Mid-West-Bonner Springs, Kansas—June 20-27.
Central—Kentucky—July 4-11.
Piedmont—Martinville, Virginia—August 8-14.
Magnolias—S.C.I., Edwards, Miss.—September 6-12.

Seminars for Adults in each of the above conferences.

We are eager to have the adult leaders of youth to attend these conferences. In addition to the conference program we will have special seminar classes for the adults.

Vacation Bible School for Children

The war is doing untold harm to the children of today. The Church is responsible for serving the children, too. We must do something to prevent our children from being caught up by the crime wave.

We would like to have at least fifty churches to conduct vacation Bible schools this summer. Our National Children's Committee, Miss Bessie Chandler of St. Louis is chairman, would like to help you make plans for such a school. Send your name to our office, Missions Building, Indianapolis, or write a statement about your plans for the Christian Plea.

We should have a hundred churches both rural and city to put on vacation schools for the children this summer. Can we find enough ministers, Sunday School superintendents, national and state Bible School workers to reach that many churches? Please let us know if we can count on you to give some service to this most needy problem of our time.

WANTED, WANTED Correct Addresses of pastors and heads of departments, superintendents of Sunday Schools, correspondents of the churches, presidents of the Mission-
S. C. I. NEWS LETTER
Students with Uncle Sam:
We regret to inform that beside the gold star for Ralph Coleman must be placed one for Nollie Singletary. Nollie died from an infected knee while at Ft. Huachuca, Arizona. Our deepest sympathies go out to his relatives at Braxton and his sister, Annie Lou, also a former student, who is now Mrs. A. L. Carr of New Orleans.

More bad news is that Miss Virginia Nichols has had to give up teaching for the rest of the year. We are glad to report that an extremely delicate operation on her spine was completely satisfactory and we wouldn’t be surprised to see her walking back to school before Commencement. She will be glad to hear from you and can be reached through her home: 3803 Shaw Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri.

To take care of the work of Miss Nichols the last quarter we have shifted Mrs. Miriam Terry from the Community School. Most of you know that we were most fortunate to have Mrs. Terry loaned to us this year by the Foreign Division of the U. C. M. S. She is now on furlough from her work as missionary in India and will return there as soon as military conditions permit.

Replacing Mrs. Terry in the primary grades we now have Mrs. Lillian Tobias who was Principal of a school in Pike County until it closed last week.

The last Sunday of each month, Mrs. C. P. Rollins, Dining Room Matron, has a special table for all who had birthdays during the month. Those who enjoyed the giant cake with lighted candles which decorated the table for March were Mr. Thomas, Miss Bassett, Edward Cecil Rollins, Florence Rollins, Jene Low, Holbert Sweatman, Mae Ella Washington, Catherine Davis, Della Tucker, Geneva Lemon, and Ellis Walker. It all adds to the fine family spirit of Southern Christian.

Miss Dale Ellis, Executive Secretary of Home Missions, was kept busy when she spent several days on the campus last week. She was guest speaker at the special Men’s Day service sponsored by the Ministerial Association Sunday morning, talked several times at chapel, and appeared several times before faculty and student groups. She returned by way of St. Louis and remained with Miss Nichols during the operation.

In a chapel talk during National Negro Newspaper Week Prexy Long stressed the importance of the Negro press and urged more reading of our newspapers and such publications as the CHRISTIAN PLEA, CRISIS, OPPORTUNITY, THE NEGRO DIGEST and the like. He deplored the tendency of some to be mere scandalettes and deliberate inciters of hatred. Illustrating another bad practice, he showed how the papers made personal attacks on Warren Brown rather than constructive criticisms of his widely-publicized article. He urged greater support and more discriminative reading of our Negro publications.

The Mississippi Association of Teachers in Colored Schools met in Jackson last week. Miss Bassett, Mrs. Jackson, and Dean Mosley were on the program. Prexy Long was Chairman of the Resolutions Committee. The Jackson Trio furnished music.

The Community Improvement Association composed of Parent-Teacher Associations of eight schools in our area had its regular monthly meeting in the school of Mrs. George Barker, Mother of Ptv. George Barker now at Camp Lee, Va. Most of our teachers attended. Dean Mosley and Prexy Long made talks. Miss Johnnie Howard, Vice-President, presided. A typical country church supper was served.

In listing bad news I should have mentioned the fire at the chicken house recently. It started from the brooder stove. We lost the brooder house, the laying house, and 186 chicks which weighed over a pound each. A week after the fire we had other chicks started to replace those lost. Of course you know that is part of the old SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN SPIRIT. Nothing can keep us from doing our best!

The Speech Class closed their quarter’s work with the presentation of three one-act plays: 1. GRAY BREAD by Jean Latham. The characters were Sallie Fields, Willie Frank Davis, Annie Sanders, and Rosie Graham. 2. UNCLE BOB’S BRIDE by Ida Richardson. The characters were Katherine Jackson, Cedelia Kelker, Lois Flagg, Jean Wells, Bernice Ger-

T E H C R I S T I A N P L E A

JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
Hawkins, Texas

“AROUND THE CAMPUS”
By V. Carney-Waddleton

There will be an exchange dramatic program given by the Gladewater High School Little Theater on Jarvis Campus, Tuesday, April 13, in the production “Death Takes a Holiday”. The Jarvis Dramatic Club carried two one-act play productions to Gladewater last week. The productions “The Black Widow Spider”, and “Summer Hotel”.

The contributions of Negroes in Wood County Red Cross Drive have “broken the tape”. Their quota was
$650 and the last report showed that they had gone well over the $700 mark with more money coming in. Jarvis College under the Red Cross Chairmanship of Mr. E. J. Dickson went over its quota of $100. All campus organizations and individuals contributed liberally to this humanitarian cause.

Organizational activities are in full swing on the campus. Never a week passes but what the campus population sees a dramatic production, participates in a "sociable," goes on a hike, or indulges in some other activity of interest, entertainment, and culture.

The Jarvis boxers competed with the Gladewater boxers last week when raising money for the Red Cross. Mr. E. J. Dickson coached the Jarvis boxers. The decisions were as follows: two draws, two winners, and two losses.

The Y. W. C. A. presented an interesting program Thursday night. Campus talent was again exhibited and prizes given to winning organizations. The first prize went to the Triple C Club who presented a patriotic skit, and the second prize went to the Dramatic Club who was represented by Miss Christine Parker in a faculty impersonation.

The Alpha Honor Society is selling fish sandwiches at noon on Fridays. You may be assured that the sandwiches go like "hot cakes."

Many of the Jarvis teachers are attending the Gladewater night school in order that they may become more efficient welders, mechanics, and sheet metal workers. Patriotism at Jarvis cannot be questioned.

Health Week is being observed this week. The Health Committee composed of Miss J. M. Carpentier, Mrs. C. B. Coss, and Mr. R. E. Jones are promoting some very helpful and healthful chapel programs. Dynamic community contact is being made through the activities of this committee. Reverend C. M. Reed of Nacogdoches, Texas will climax the week's activities in his Health Message on Sunday, April 11.

On the afternoon of April 7, all students were conscripted to pursue a campus cleaning program. Just as the last clean up job was being completed, Mother Nature sent a torrential rain which washed the campus clean. Sometimes, we get 100 percent from all angles.

The Student Voice is receiving compliments from far and near for its progress and its ability to keep abreast with other college publications in quality and content.

Mr. R. Evans, representative of the Universal Life Insurance Company, visited the Tuesday evening Sunday School teachers meeting. His participation in the discussion of controversial issues which arose was interesting and informational.

The Tiny Tots Club will give its annual prom on Saturday night, April 10. Music will be furnished by the Gladewater Orchestra.

All religious organizations are looking forward to the Easter programs. The music department is working diligently with the missionary society, Christian Endeavor, and church on the various programs.

Many of the Jarvis teachers are attending the East Texas Teachers Association which convenes in Longview, Texas, April 8, 9, and 10. Mrs. O. S. Barker is guest artist on the musical program, Friday night.

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE
by Johnnie Howard

Dean Charles Mosley, President John Long, Mrs. M. Terry, Miss Mary Bassett and Mr. James Ratten attended the Mississippi Association of Colored Teachers in Jackson on March 19. Despite the times a large attendance was reported.

The faculty group and student body were sorry to lose Miss Virginia Nichols a few weeks before the beginning of the last quarter. Miss Nichols, who has been ill for several months, underwent a major operation at the Barnes Hospital in St. Louis recently; latest news from her father says that she is recuperating favorably.

We welcome to our group Mrs. Lillian Tobias who is teaching in the community school; a vacancy made by Mrs. Terry's transferring to the high school department in Miss Nichol's place.

Under the direction of Miss Evangeline Morse the verse choir presented a splendid program of Negro poetry. The choir performed exceptionally well James Weldon Johnson's "Go Down Death," and "Judgement."

Miss Isabel Butler, Home Economics instructor, held a fine exhibit of the work done by a class of thirty-eight young ladies in the ninth grade recently. The exhibit showed improvement in workmanship, and an idea of the many things learned in the course through the student's notebooks.

The twelfth grade speech class under the instruction of Miss Evangeline Morse presented three one-act plays. The strong religious-drama, The Great Choice, showed master workmanship on the part of cast and director. "Gray Bread" and drama and "Uncle Bob's Bride" were also superbly played.

Negro Health Week is being observed by a general campus clean-up, and visits from several Negro doctors of this vicinity.

Students and teachers are manifesting great interest in a proposed co-op store. Preliminary discussions are being held, and a group of student and teacher representatives are studying the plan.

Spring-term for teachers will begin April 12.

On April 5 the Y. W. C. A. held a one day retreat for the 1942-43 cabinet and the 1943-44 cabinet. Mrs. Charles Mosley is faculty advisor of the Y. W. C. A.

The Mississippi Youth Meet will meet in Port Gibson on April 17 and 18. Student representatives from S. C. I. will be Miss Hazel Stamps and Mr. Clyde Jackson. Misses Evangeline Morse and Johnnie Howard will serve on the faculty.

Mrs. Miriam Terry's mother of Daytona Beach, Florida was a recent visitor on our campus.

Miss Dale Ellis was a three day visitor on the campus, and was welcomed as always by both faculty and students.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ratten and Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Jacobs were hosts for the April faculty supper.

Several of the faculty children have been in with the chicken-pox. Gene Mosley is the last to get out.

Soldiers visiting the campus recently were Willie Ray Fletcher and Sam Chatman.

School closes May 25.
**ACTIVITIES OF THE BROTHERHOOD**

**DISCIPLE SPARKS**
Mississippi Bible and Sunday School will convene at Fayette, Mississippi, July 18-21.

Mississippi State Christian Convention will convene at Jackson, Mississippi, August 11th to 15th.

Evangelist T. C. Franklin has resigned the church at Greenwood, Mississippi.

Elder Thomas Brooks, a student of C. C. T. has been called to the Greenwood, Mississippi Church.

Elder D. W. Heath has moved from Topp Street to 920 Eastview St. Jackson, Mississippi.

Halsey Street Christian Church has changed its name to Stuyvesant Heights Christian Church, 1570 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Get ready for the National Convention, we go to Columbus, Ohio, August 17th-23rd.

Elder John L. Dickerson of Oxford, Ohio, has been called to the pastorate in the convention of Wehrman Avenue Christian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio.

TENN. STATE BIBLE SCHOOL PRESIDENT PASSES
Miss Myrtle Daniel, daughter of Elder and Mrs. E. A. Daniel, of the Three Dormitories for tuml College, Albany, Georgia. As Dean of Wehrman Avenue Christian Church, has recently accepted a position as Dean of Women Elder John L. Dickerson of Oxford, Ohio, has been called to the pastorate in the convention of Wehrman Avenue Christian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio.

**OKLAHOMA, KANSAS AND MISSOURI NEWS**

Tri-State, Evangelist

William Martin is leading the church well at Fulton, Mo. He is holding their Pre-Easter Revival. The second district meeting of Kansas met with Eighth St. Church, Kansas, H. C. Poston, Pastor, A. R. McDuff, President. This district has done much to carry on an evangelistic program in the state. Eighth St. Church, Kansas City, Kansas held a very interesting service honoring A. W. Davis, the man who built the beautiful church and parsonage in 11 months. This came from a seed thought sown by the evangelist about two years ago and we are happy to know that this Pioneer Man of God was thus honored. We cannot do too much for the men who have built great churches. We are urging churches to put their ministers in the Pension Fund, it is a fine step in the right direction.

H. D. Griffin held a good meeting with Hannibal Church. This church is now out of debt and Missouri will be happy to know that Elder Griffin is again in the walls of our Zion, he did an outstanding work in Columbia and Missouri will welcome him to this fertile field.

Our Woodland Ave. Church honored their Pastor S. S. Myers upon his 10th anniversary with a very appropriate program and made him happy with timely gifts. Elder Myers is doing a very fine piece of work in church and in the life of the city. He is doing a very fine piece of work in church and in the life of the city. He is going to preach the graduating sermon to the nurses next month. He is going to preach the graduating sermon to the nurses next month. Mrs. Jamison served our churches Tulsa, Oklahoma City and Cickasha in a very nice manner and held many helpful meetings with the sisters and churches. C. E. Stearns is again in Oklahoma and says he has had a very successful pastorate in Rockford and for the duration he will work in a war plant and serve churches as he is able to get to them. The church at Muskogee is in enjoying a good work under Z. H. Howard. Our white churches are assisting them in decorating the interior. S. B. Wallick, who has served for 30 years in the Bible School work for Oklahoma and with the Muskogee church is still at his post, he is not quite as well as we would like to know and we are urging him to slow down some but when it comes to the work of the Master he is so very much concerned that it is hard for us to get him to take it easy. Chauncey and E. M. Barrett of the
Muskogee Church is now in training in the Air Corps.

The Tri-State Board Meeting was held in Kansas City, Mo., March 1st. State Secretary, John D. Zimmerman, President, Mrs. E. A. Gilmore acting as Secretary S. S. Myers being sick. State Secretary, John Stuart Mills, Miss Joella Douglas and Elder A. W. Davis representing Kansas, Mrs. C. L. Jamison and the writer.

Excellent reports were made by the worker and the Secretary-Treasurer. Both reports were gratifying and expressions of appreciation were given them by the board. The Budget was then accepted and worker was again called to work.

Mr. C. L. Jamison and E. A. Gilmore were the guests of Elder and Mrs. Watson for breakfast and for dinner guests of Elder and Mrs. S. S. Myers.

MT. STERLING, KY.
By Prof. I. E. Bean,
408 Eighth St.

The Youth’s Meeting at Little Rock will go down in history as one of the largest and most beneficial meets since its organization. One hundred and one young people registered and attended. The leaders, Miss Carnella Jamison, Miss Mary Butler, Mrs. Edith Wilson Bristow, Mrs. Susie J. Elster, Mr. William Fields all deserve much credit for the splendid way the program was managed. All departments and all activities “carried on” in a most excellent way. Each made fine contribution in carrying out its objective. All delegates expressed themselves as being highly benefited and worked hard to make the meeting a success. The following young people from Mt. Sterling attended: Misses Dorothy Mae Carlyle, Mary Elizabeth Crooks, Mary Catherine Jackson, Melvina Blair, Mary Catherine Russell, Melvina Blair, Mary Catherine Howse, Bigstaff and Joseph Blair, Jewell Hunt, Woodford Clay Jones, William Jones and Miss Irene Jones. During the business sessions Prof. J. E. Bean presided. Group sessions were held in the Little Rock school building. The teacher, Mrs. Alice Hillman, had the building in order for the sessions and the feeding. The good people of Little Rock were highly praised for the fine way they took care of the group in these rationing days. Among the outstanding numbers was the message delivered by Mr. Frank Coleman of Lexington. Miss Russel, a missionary, who was born in Africa and Dr. Davis, who spent ten years in Africa gave much information concerning the natives and the work in Africa. After the formation of the friendship Circle all left happily for home.

The men’s big meeting will be held at North Middletown, April 11th at 2 p. m. a large crowd is expected.

Prof. Merle Eppe, the Editor of the Christian Plea and Prof. of History at A. and I. State College, Knoxville, Tennessee will deliver the Commencement Address at the DuBois High School, June 3 p. m. Rev. B. Taylor, President of the National Convention, will visit and speak at the High St. Christian Church, Thursday evening at 8 o’clock will be invited to be present. Captains for the rally on the third Sunday in April will be announced by the Pastor, Thursday night.

The Christian Workers met at the parsonage, Monday and was entertained by Rev. and Mrs. Blair.

THE W. FEDERAL ST. CHURCH
YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO
By Mrs. Thomas Callens
539 Arlington St.

Our Pastor Elder F. T. Barnett, continues to bring us very inspiring messages each Sunday. We had our first quarterly building fund rally Sunday and realized about $200 so far, our final report is next Sunday.

The Pastor and wife have added to their family another fine girl. Miss Lovaly Hayes moved this past month to Private Spencer Bailey of Cincinnati, Ohio is stationed at Camp Rucker, Ala.

Sergeant Floyd Hayes visited with us during the past month and gave very interesting remarks on camp life. He is stationed at Steward, Ga.

The missionaries are giving a shower for the Pastor’s new baby. Plans are going along for our Easter Program. And the spirit of harmony continues with us.

Mr. Callens is leaving Thursday for Xenia, Ohio. To attend the Missionary Leaders Conference, which will last two days.

MORGAN AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
G. E. Lakes, Minister
2317 Morgan Avenue
Parsons, Kansas

The beginning of fair weather in Southeast Kansas has made rapid progress in our work here during the past few days. We have been able to have a very nice attendance at all of our services. It has been said by many that their night services have not been very good, but I am happy to say that our night services for the past few Sundays have been as good or better than our morning services.

It fell my lot, for the first time here, to bury one of our members, Sister Mary Porter. She had been here, to bury one of our members, Sister Mary Porter. She had been sick for a long time.

During the week-end of March 28, a few of our Young People and I attended a World’s Fellowship meeting of the Christian Churches, (white), of the Southeastern district of Kansas, We enjoyed the Fellowship very much. In the memorial service, I gave a brief review of the lives of Dr. G. W. Carver and President J. B. Lehman.

We felt that we should make our church more attractive and comfortable. An effort was put forth to put on a new roof which was very successful. We raised over $200.00 within the past 30 days for this purpose. Our next plan is to repair the foundation and paint.

We are still trying to do our best with the work here both material and spiritual. While we are having good weather, we hope to have a great revival meeting soon. We would also appreciate hearing something from our National Leaders concerning our National meeting for 1943.

SOUTH SIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
438 46th Place
Chicago, Illinois
By W. K. F.--

March marked a significant time on the church calendar of South Side Christian Church. In the first instance, it was the time of the pastor’s twenty-second anniversary as pastor of the church. Secondly, the worship services of the church were climaxed on the third Sunday by a dedicatory service for the presentation of a new Honor Roll for the boys from South Side in the armed forces. This service was under the sponsorship of the young people. A stimulating address was given by Lt. Ruth L. Freeman, a member of the first W.A.A.C.

The present direction of the general program is pointed toward special Palm Sunday services under the leadership of Misses Mildred La-Touche, Lucille Edwards and Eunice Coleman and the members of the WDLT’s (i. e. We Do Little Things). Palm Sunday evening Director E. C. Welch and his choir will render The Resurrection and the Life.

During this Lenten season the physical aspects of the Church as well as the spiritual factors have been made anew. A beautiful finish has been put on the floor and covered with a heavy new Persian rug.

BLUEFIELD, W. VA. NEWS
Anne Keeling, Reporter
407 Jones St.

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us."—Heb. 12:1.

Elder James Dickerson in his introductory sermon used Heb. 12:1 as his text, and wrote those words upon the hearts of his hearers.
Music was furnished by the senior choir, directed by Mrs. R. E. Keeleling, Soloist-Mrs. Violette Morrison.

Elder Dickerson has been appointed the assistant pastor of the South Bluefield Christian Church.

The marks of true religion are three in number: (1) Self Control. (2) Charity. (3) Keeping one’s self “unspotted from the world,” that is, free from that which contaminates.

**Queen of Ushers**

In a recent popularity contest sponsored by the Usher Board, Miss Louise Anderson was crowned queen of the Usher Board. Miss Anderson defeated Miss Lillian Dickerson at the conclusion of the contest a musical program was given under the able direction of Mrs. Violette Morrison.

Mrs. L. Moss is the president of the Usher Board.

**With Our Army**

Private Jesse Anderson, son of Mrs. Majorie Anderson is stationed in Greensville, S. C.

Private Anderson was an active member of the Bible School and choir before his induction.

**N. TAZEWELL, VA. NEWS**

Rev. Eugene Patterson, Pastor Mrs. Mary L. Dickerson, Reporter Box 293, North Tazewell, Va.

The officers and ministers of the Tri State Christian Convention met in a one day conference at Greensboro, N. C. Saturday, March, 27th. There were seventeen ministers present and most of the churches reported with at least a part of their Convention Claims for 1943.

The meeting was held in Center Tabernacle Church of which Elder H. L. Carson is the energetic pastor. Their little church gave us a royal welcome and a big dinner regardless of the fact that foods are rationed.

Elder D. A. Hargrove gave us a great message in his twenty minute sermon. Elder Hargrove came to us from the Congregational Brotherhood a few months ago. He brought his congregation with their nice church property. We feel very proud of Elder Hargrove and his fine people.

At the close of Elder Hargrove’s sermon, one Rev. Anderson came forward to take membership with the Christian Church. Rev. Anderson comes from the Primitive Baptist communion, but living at Concord, N. C., he found himself believing and teaching what we believe and teach. So he decided to become one of us. The Tri State people never before had such bright prospects for a good convention so early in the year. Our Church here in Tazewell, Va., is busy in our rally which will close Sunday evening at 8 p. m. April 11th, 1943. We are making some changes in our Church Auditorium and spring cleaning which we hope to enjoy this summer our pastor, Rev. Eugene Patterson has worked hard with us in this effort. Pray for us that we may win over Spencer Memorial Christian Church at Winston-Salem, N. C. next Sunday night, April 11th.

**EVANGELISM**

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

**CENTER TABERNACLE CHURCH NEWS, GREENSBORO, N. C.**

Mr. Daniel Conodale (Better known as Uncle Dan) of Greensboro, N. C. (age 100 years) Gave to Churches of Christ, a Church building and lot.

The Church spoken of in the following, (known of as Center Tabernacle Church), was for many years a meeting place for Methodist, Baptist, Holiness, and several other (Religious) bodies. Mr. Daniel Conodale was a very strong layman owned the property worshiped and held all offices from preacher down: during his day.

About four years ago, the ministers of the Christian Church whose names appear in the article, have gone in there and preached the old Jerusalem gospel. Many people were converted to the faith. Among the number was, Old Brother Conodale.

Brother Conodale has passed from labor to reward, but before his passing he willed the Church, to churches of Christ (Christian) in Tri-State Christian Convention.

**AN ESSAY ON THE OLD CHURCH**

By Edith Poole

I was about four years of age when my family moved in this vicinity. Finding little friends or playmates was my desire since there were few houses here at that time. About the age of ten, a few of the children of the community asked me to go with them to Sunday School. I was small and full of interest, followed them along to Sunday School. I found the place wasn’t very far from my home.

An old shack near the road weather beaten, with patched up lumber you could say, half hinged door with ventilated holes—Old lumbered windows with few panes and rusty unpainted hinged shutters, to keep out cold and rain, and a patched up brick chimney almost ready to fall in, any moment. Yet, that little humble place was my heart’s desire with its outside surroundings of weeds and tall grass. On one side of the entrance was a small maple tree inclined with a small rose bush which grew and grew along with the maple tree that stands outside now with the pretty rose bush still growing farther up its branches.

On the side of the Church was the bell tower, with its dull chimes loud enough to send the message to the homes around in the neighborhood, it was only laying on a small platform on the ground. In spite of the wrongness of that place that was the best place and joy of my life up to this day.

Beside that place in a tiny hut lived the founder of the place. Every one in the community knew this real, excellent, man. He was old Physically but young otherwise and very fond of the Church and all that came in contact with him.

On Sunday mornings and nights, he rang the bell for Church worship and Sunday School.

I was there nearly every time that bell toned, and most of the time I helped him ring the bell. That fine man was none other than Mr. Conodale (known to many as Uncle Dan.) Our attendance wasn’t so very bad but we always wanted an increase in number to make Uncle Dan feel good. He always invited strangers and his companions.

There was only one in my family interested in that place then, and with my begging and talking about my teachers which were Mrs. Bessie Garner and older heads, I finally got my father interested in that Church. My mother joining us later on.

Enjoying the nice services for some time our leader was financially helped to do still greater service on high.

We were without a leader for sometime. With the best man of our time vacant we didn’t know hardly what to do. There were also associations with Rev. P. K. Alexander before the passing of Uncle Dan and the coming of Rev. Holt. He was loved and highly appreciated by various members of our Community. Honorable mention: Rev. Florence, Rev. Edwards, Rev. Dillard, Rev. Adams.
Then we selected another man full of interest and very nice to associate—Rev. E. D. Holt. Through his administration the worship was improved more and more. Then one day came when my dad was made elder. Before Elder Holt's Reign, Rev. Orrell carried on a very successful program. Before Elder Holt's Reign, Rev. Orrell carried on a very successful program.


As you see now by various members and friends of the community. With the success the pastor's salary. The Dorcas Aid Society sponsored a Baby contest which was a success and netted more than $60.00. The next outstanding events on the calendar for the coming months are the Missionary Society's Week of Prayer, Sunday Easter Program and the Pastor's 4th Anniversary in July, 1942.

MT. OLIVET CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Brother Eppse:
I was pleased to receive a card from the Plea secretary requesting news from our field, as it has been nearly four years since I have had an article published in the Plea.

The work here at Mt. Olivet Christian Church is progressing nicely. I have been so busy with my office work that I have not had time to get over the field. Our Eastern Seaboard District Convention will meet in Brooklyn, N. Y., in July. We have had a visit from Prof. Peoples and Miss Jamison, both of which were most profitable to us. In regard to our National Convention program, although I have not seen Brother Taylor this year, I think he has made a fine beginning and will give us a splendid administration. Brother R. H. Davis' articles have been very refreshing and inspiring. Brother Eppse is maintaining a high standard of journalism. More power to him, and more dollars too. The Plea must live.

We are planning a new building for Baltimore which we hope will be a credit to our city and the brotherhood. Plan includes gymnasium, swimming pool, showers, religious education department, nursery, social service and full equipment for a seven day a week program. Our membership is 511.

C. L. WHITFIELD, Pastor
F. J. OWENS, Secretary

MISSISSIPPI BOULEVARD CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Mrs. C. E. Rowan
825 Polk St., Memphis, Tenn.

The Unified Youth Group of Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church, "Youth Day" on the fourth Sunday in March. Prof. H. D. Whalum, President Union Protective Assurance Company, was guest speaker. He spoke on "Ye are the Salt of the Earth." His delivery was masterful and interesting in its entirety. Mr. Whalum is a staunch member of Avery Chapel A. M. E. Church and was for many years Chorister of the Choir. Mrs. Cecelia Ronch, in her inimitable way presented the speaker. A large crowd was in attendance. The Youth Group will be host to the Tri-State Youth Conference in May. Mrs. Mildred Riley, President of the Group, extends an invitation to all of the young people to be present at the Conference. Mrs. Carnell Jamison was present on the 18th of March and spoke to the Unified Youth Group and Hi-Tri Group relative to the Conference in May.

Among some of the visitors present at the eleven o'clock service Sunday, April 4th, were Mrs. Brown Bracy, Field Secretary of the National Negro Business League and Staff Sergeant Samuel C. Graves and wife. Mrs. Bracy spoke at a Mass Meeting Sunday evening at the Centenary Methodist Church. The attendance was the largest ever held at a meeting of this kind. The speaker was at her best. On Monday night, the Housewives' League, an Auxiliary of the National Negro Business League, entertained with a reception in honor of Mrs. Bracy at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Walker.

Staff Sgt. Graves was president of the Christian Endeavor Society before being inducted into the Army. After finishing High School in Oklahoma, City, Oklahoma he entered 1941 with an A.B. in English. He was called to the colors in August, 1941, and is now stationed at San Antonio Aviation Center, San Antonio, Texas. His wife is the former Clestine Curtis, of New Orleans, La., and is at present teaching in the City School System of New Orleans. Sgt. Graves is the son of Mrs. C. E. Rowan.

Mrs. Cora West, quiz expert on the Christian Endeavor Hour, is up and at church again after under-
going a minor operation. Her friends are glad to see her back again. Prof. J. A. Swazyze, President of the Christian Endeavor Society, is still keeping the hour filled with interesting topics and inspirational songs.

Mrs. Lucile Rhine, a recent member of Gay Street Church, has charge of the Junior Choir and is doing a splendid job in training the young people to sing. Mrs. Rhine is Music Instructor at the Hamilton Junior School of this city.

Below will be found a supplement list of members of the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church who have contributed to the support of the National Convention.

Mrs. O. D. Alexander $2.00
Mrs. A. F. Jackson 1.00
Mrs. L. F. Walton 1.00
Miss Ida Garrett .50
Mrs. C. B. Cade 1.00
Mrs. Zelphia Cary 1.00
Mrs. Carrie Burns 1.00

Total $6.50

Hancocks Move Up in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Halsey Street Church in Brooklyn has changed its name to Stuyvesant Heights Christian Church and is now worshipping at 1570 Fulton Street in Brooklyn. The plans for remodeling the building which our state organization bought, have now been approved by the New York City Board of Standards. If the congregation can obtain priorities for building materials it can proceed with the remodeling. Mrs. R. H. Hancock, wife of the pastor, had interest in Mrs. Arthur Hays Sulzberger, whose family is connected with the owners of the New York Times. Mrs. Sulzberger obtained a gift of $1,000 to aid the community work which Mrs. Hancock is doing. In addition she secured the promise of $5,000 from the New York Foundation to finance the cost of remodeling the upper two floors; the promise of a gift of $5,000 for the program this year and the same sum for next year. A loan from our Board of Church Extension has been promised to cover the cost of remodeling the first floor and basement.

—from Christian Evangelist

GAY ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH

706 Gay Street, Nashville, Tenn.

G. W. Gore, Sr., Pastor

“Can We All See Alike?” was the subject chosen by Elder James Ritchie a student at Nashville Christian Institute when he spoke to the congregation of the Gay Street Christian Church Sunday morning, April 4th. Elder Ritchie said that all children of God must see alike before they can see their heavenly Father.

We have been holding union meetings with the Lea Avenue Christian Church. At our last meeting Elder James Thomas, a young elder in the church who is aspiring for the ministry, delivered his initial sermon, choosing as his subject, “The Prodigal Son.”

Sunday evening, April 4, at 7:30 o’clock we were honored to have as our guest Elder W. H. (Baltimore Taylor) who is the national president of Negro Disciples of Christ. Elder Taylor chose as his subject, “The Print of the Nails,” taken from the text John 20:25. Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger in the print of the nail and put my hands into his sides, I will not believe.

A wonderful message was brought to us. Brother Taylor stated that he sympathized with Thomas and that we should not want to go to Heaven on hearsay but have substantial evidence, that we should let our light so shine and live in such a way that we can persuade the outside world that there is a difference between Christian and sinners and be given sufficient evidence of the love of God.

The world says that if Christianity is what it ought to be it ought to make a vast difference in Christians. We enjoyed immensely the visit of President Taylor.

The missionary society will meet at the church Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 o’clock.

We advocate subscriptions to the Christian Plea. Let’s make our subscription 100 per cent for the brotherhood.

The First Christian Church

Rev. H. Fowler, Pastor

Mr. Flossie Herd, Reporter

2379 E. 83rd St., Cleveland, Ohio

Members of the Christian Church will celebrate Friday, April 9, with a Victory Dinner in the church. The celebration marks the burning of the mortgage papers for the church pews. One year ago in March, new pews were bought for the church costing $600. In exactly one year to that date, the debt has been cancelled.

Rev. H. Fowler is the minister and Bro. Sherman Corbin is the Elder. Much credit is due the entire membership of the church for the splendid and cooperative work. Members contributed monthly on the pews regularly.

Rev. John L. Dickerson, has accepted the call to minister at Wehrman Avenue Christian Church at Walnut Hills, in Cincinnati. This is the church that Rev. W. F. Fraizer labored at for so many years and started the new church building which is expected to be completed before much longer.

Clay St. Christian Church

By Osceola A. Dawson

Paducah, Kentucky

All creation has taken on a new life! Spring is here and the sun is shining and brighter on us all.

We again, come to you with a crowded schedule.

At this writing, both the Senior Choir and the Gospel Chorus are very busy working on the Easter Cantata, “The Calvary Way.” On March 30, the Gospel Chorus presented the South’s Famous Field Four. The door receipts were $105.00.
I desire the prayers of the Brotherhood.

SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS

By Elder L. C. Carey

2339 10th St., Rockford, Illinois

In spite of the fact that our church was damaged by fire on January 27, 1943 and the resignation of Elder C. S. Steams, by the help of God, and the loyal members we have moved forward under the leadership of Elder L. C. Carey and Elder Archie Wilson.

We are meeting in the home of Bros. and Sister George Robinson, 2420 N. Church Street until the church is repaired and remodeled. Our insurance covered the damage.

Elder Stearns was much disappointing to us. We cooperated with him in every way and we thought the future looked bright for us but in spite of all of this he resigned and left us on short notice.

We are on the tithing plan and are able to pay all of our obligations. Brother Stearns would have gotten $100 per month beginning February 1st. We read in the Holy writ where Christ spoke to Peter and said Simon, Simon, behold satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat but I have prayed for thee that thy faith fail not and when thou art converted strengthen thy brother. Any minister who desired to come to us well recommended may write Elder L. C. Carey, 2339 10th St., Rockford, Illinois.

CEDAR AVE. CHURCH, CLEVELAND, OHIO IN NEW HOME

By Kenneth Dabney, Reporter

2313 E. 37th St., Cleveland, Ohio

After eight years of wandering, the Cedar Avenue Christian Church of Cleveland, Ohio, has moved into a new home at 83rd Street and Quincy Avenue.

Elder C. E. Craggett and the whole congregation are rejoicing because this new edifice has a pipe organ, Sunday school rooms, a large basement and kitchen. Brother W. O. Jackson, Brother W. E. Shumate and many other loyal members are to be congratulated for their loyal service.

The church was christened at the wedding of Elizabeth Baird and Mr. Jack Turner. Chaplain E. Browder was ordained on the second Sunday. He is now stationed in California.

PORT GIBSON, MISS. NEWS

Elder N. R. Trevillion

Route 1, Box 27, Port Gibson, Miss.

The Sunday school and Bible School Convention will convene at Fayette, Mississippi the Wednesday night preceding the third Sunday in July and will close on the 21st of July. The State meeting will convene in Jackson, Mississippi, August 11th to 15th. We are asking every church to send delegates and their full appropriation. Evangelist L. C. Franklin has resigned the work at Greenwood and the church called Elder Thomas Brooks, a student at S. C. I. Brother Brooks can give more time to the work. Elder Jacob Norrell of St. Elmo, who has been pastoring at West Point, Forest Grove, St. Elmo and Hermansville has been confined to the sanitarium at Vicksburg, Miss., is out again and about his work. Elder M. Newsome, who comes from the Sanctified church, was ordained at our quarterly meeting in February at Pine Grove. He is now preaching at Mt. Zion and Mound Bayou. He is a member at Rosehill where I have preached for thirty years. We are proud of our young ministers—Brothers Heath, Brooks, Jackson and Marion. I call on young men to come on. I will soon retire or go to my future home. Let us all back the Christian Plea and put the Disciples on the map.

PILGRIM REST CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS

Elder J. M. Baker

615 E. Espanolshied St., St. Louis, Mo.

Our Church at East St. Louis, Mo., has come to life under the leadership of Elder J. M. Baker. The church has closed a three month drive and all services are going forward in an impressive way. All activities have been planned to do some constructive things.

The Wesley Chapel M. E. Church with Elder J. W. Sledge, pastor and members also the Penticostal Church, Elder E. C. Seals and Centennial Christian Church, Elder P. A. Grey, pastor and members all aided our efforts. We have raised $73.35 to aid our work.

HERE AND THERE

By Elder Jno. D. Henrey

121 Trout Street, Clayton, N. C.

Sunday, March 14 was a high day at Pineville Chapel, Clayton, N. C. of which the writer is pastor. We had Elder Sister Price, and her congregation from Garner, N. C., with us throughout the day. Sister Price brought the afternoon message. We shall expect them again at an early date.

St. Peter Smithfield, N. C., we worshiped with our chief Elder H. D. Davis, at the above church, and what a day. We were blessed to receive five into the church at the time of invitation. Two brothers who were twins came forward, then came their wives, and then another sister.
Disciple Institute Set for June 8-12 at Nashville

Young People Conferences Open June 20th

NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DISCIPLE NEGRO WORK TO OPEN AT TENNESSEE A. & I. STATE COLLEGE, NASHVILLE, TENN., JUNE 8 to 12

CENTRAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE 1930-1943

Central Conference Begins at Lincoln Institute Lincoln Ridge, Ky.

In the summer of 1930 at Lincoln Institute, Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky, there was held, for the first time, a young people's conference with our late beloved Eld. P. H. Moss as Dean. Preparation had been made for some two or more years through the Bible School department of which, at that time, Mrs. Ernestine Hancock was president. Of course I refer to the department of the Kentuck Convention. Financial aid had been received from the office in Lexington, where a Mr. Moore was secretary, as well as from the treasury of our own state Bible School department.

First Faculty Members

Some faculty members that year were Misses Elizabeth Harden, Bessie Chandler, Bernice Andrews, Mrs. L. A. Devine, Mr. Vance G. Smith, Eld. William Martin, Mr. Cleo Blackburn and a missionary (whose name I have forgotten). These with Brother Moss instructed thirty young people of whom nineteen were young ladies and eleven were young men. What pleasant memories come from that first year's experience! Would you like to read the names of a few of those young people

First Conference Students

William Butler, John Webster Smith, Sheppard Wilson, William Custis (deceased), William Johnson (Millersburg), Margaret Coates, Viola Smith (now Mrs. Baker), Nannie Butler, Edith Wilson (now Mrs. Bris- tow), Mary Deweese, Elizabeth Gen- try (now married with several chil- dren), Emma Lewis (also married and a mother), Marcella Tate (mar- (Continued on page 2)
DR. WALKER APPEALS TO MINISTERS AND OFFICERS

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ational Convention $1.00 from the church membership.

The members of the church would respond if the minister and officers would urge the necessity of cooperation with the National Convention and emphasize to the membership that the only way an effective program can be built and maintained for the Convention is by adequate financial support. The collecting and reporting of the $5.00 per church to the National Convention is the responsibility of the President, Secretary and Board Members of the State Convention.

If the ministers and officers of the church believe they are saving money for the local church and themselves by not urging support of the National Convention and other missionary organizations they are sadly mistaken. A church becomes spiritually, numerically and financially strong in proportion as it gives support to missionary organizations.

May I request the ministers and officers of the local church and State Convention to emphasize the importance of urging each church and each member to give something to support the National Convention. The membership will follow if we will lead.

The Negro has said more about democracy than any other people and rightly so, for we enjoy less of its fruit; however, I want to make the observation that while democracy is practiced nearer perfection in the Christian Church than any other organization, it has not worked for progress of the church. We have used our democracy to retard the growth of the church.

If we are to advance under our democratic idea of the church, there must be more Christian culture among the leaders and a stronger faith among the entire membership.

Nevertheless, we shall continue to strive to bring our church up to the standard that it looks for knowledge of the fact that democracy has DEMANDS as well as RIGHTS. OBLIGATIONS as well as LIBERTY.

J. E. Walker, M.D., Treasurer, National Convention Christian Church.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DISCIPLE NEGRO WORK

Georgia, Elder T. R. Everett, Midway; Kentucky have already indicated they will be present.

At the rate that applications are now coming in it looks as though fifty or more will be present. Our Faculty will consist of Elder Wm. H. Taylor, Dean, Dr. W. P. Harmon, Director.

Dr. Robert Harrell; Rev. R. H. Davis, Dr. R. T. Norris, Elder Foster Cragg; Dr. R. H. Peters; Miss Cornellia Jamison; Elder L. L. Dickerson; Mrs. Johnie Kirkpatrick; Dr. J. E. Walker; President P. C. Washington; President W. J. Hale and Dr. Robert M. Hopkins.

If you have a deserving officer of the Church Missionary Society, young people group, write immediately for a scholarship and see that they get to the meeting.

Mrs. Pres. Taylor is planning great things at beautiful Greenwood Park for the group along with Elder R. C. Maloy, Elder G. W. Gore, Sr., and Brother R. B. Cothran. Come to Nashville.

YOUNG PEOPLES CONFERENCE

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Odel Thomas, Louise Daniels, and others were among the first group of persons to attend conference in this area.

The States Served by Central Conference

The states of Ohio, Tennessee, Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky were served by this conference. Young people form each state attended until the year 1938 when the enrollment became almost entirely from Kentucky. The reason for this change was due to the fact that Ohio young folks attended the mixed conferences as did those from Illinois. Tennessee just failed from time to time to send any young people and Indiana sends two or one to the conference. Hopes are held for more from Indiana.

1943 Conference Meets at Kentucky State College, July 4-10, Frankfort, Kentucky

In 1926 the conference began its meeting in Nicholasville, Kentucky at the Fee Memorial Institute. Accommodations became rather crowded, but still we were holding our conference there. How pleased we are to learn that for the first time we are to go to the campus of Kentucky State College in Frankfort for this year's meeting. Dates are July 4 through 10. Dr. R. T. Norris, President, is making all arrangements for our coming and of course we are going there at least seventy-five or one hundred strong. Won't you be one of that number? Marshal young forces together now and meet the rest of us there, at Kentucky State College in Frankfort, Kentucky.

30 Young People Have Graduated From Central Conference

For the past thirteen summers more than thirty young people have completed the conference course at this Central Young People's Conference. Some two or three who began at this conference have completed the course at other conferences. Many, many are the young people who have attended this conference and for some reason did not get to finish. The various churches have, I'm sure, felt the influence of this conference and if those young people were given complete chance to try out their ideas a great improvement in church services and enthusiasm would be evidenced.

We hope that there will always be a young people's conference in this area and that, if possible, a camp for young children may get under way.

Adults Expected to Attend the 1914 Young People's Conference

In order to get the adults in line on this business of living a full life in the best possible way seminars have been held in conjunction with the conference. Thus the adults get an opportunity to see the conference in operation and get further training themselves. Really this problem can best be handled when both young people and adults are experiencing the same ideas and both are tolerant with the other.

Central Conference is now the Educational Project of the Kentucky State Convention

The entire state convention of Kentucky is behind this conference one hundred per cent and has pledged one hundred dollars for its financial support.

Mrs. Edith Wilson, Bristow

THE VALUE OF MAGNOLIA CONFERENCE

It is a fundamental law of life that that which you do not use, you lose. Jesus illustrated it with the Parable of the Talents. Proof of it is offered about us every day. Those who exercise and use their talents have share the good that they have, have much. Try to keep everything to yourself and you have nothing. The only way to keep any good thing is to give it away.

The principle is clearly illustrated among Conference young people. Those who get the many good things which Conference provides, and then carry them home to put into practice in their home churches and seek to share them with others, they are the only ones who really keep them.

This was the principle stressed at the very beginning of the Conference movement. Opportunities were wisely given to the young people to share what they received. One method was in making offerings and later in investing dollars in Character Bonds in order to make new Conferences possible in less privileged areas.

Among the many such Conferences started by such sharing was Magnolia at Southern Christian Institute in 1926. Largely through the help of the Illinois Conferences from which 1
graduated the year before, this first Conference for Negro youth was started.

It would be hard to estimate the great good done by Magnolia Conference, but all of it has not been among Negro youth and churches. Through the inspiration of Magnolia many Negro leaders have been blessed a host of white Conference. Able leaders like Bro. P. H. Moss, Mrs. Deetsky Blackburn Gray, Miss Bessie Chandler, Mrs. Rosa Page Welch, Mr. and Mrs. Jason Cowen, Mr. Vance Smith, Miss Carnella Jamerson, to mention only a few, have contributed greatly to the other Conferences.

This same influence among the white leadership has been felt as well. Magnolia was blessed in the early days by such leadership as that of Cynthia Pearl Maus, Anna Clarke, Roy G. Ross, S. W. Hutton, James Crain, Joe Hunter, and many others; as well as many who have served more recently and now hold positions of power among our people. They blessed us; and yet I have heard every one of them say that he was really the one who was blessed. It always is so. The greatest returns come to those who share the most.

Thus Magnolia Conference has not only demonstrated the value of inter-racial cooperation, but also illustrates one of the basic laws of life.

John Long

HISTORY OF THE MID WEST CONFERENCE 1928-1943

In 1927 our late Bro. P. H. Moss, National Church School Secretary, felt that the states of Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, and Oklahoma should be serviced by a Young Peoples Conference.

His appeal was made to the various state conventions and they gave this matter their immediate consideration. However, in Missouri Mrs. Rita Logan, worker for Church School and Mrs. Mary Alphin, President Woman's Work, along with others pressed the matter so that the Missouri Convention voted to give annually financial aid to the conference. This is still being practiced by the state.

The first Mid West Conference was held at Dalton, Missouri, in 1928 with a faculty and student body of twelve each. Among those present were Mrs. Mary Alphin, Miss Bessie Chandler, Mrs. Rosa Bracy, Mrs. Reta Logan, Elder C. E. Craggett, Mr. Vance Smith, Elder P. H. Moss, Rev. Raymond Baldwin and two other white workers, and one Negro woman from the vicinity of Dalton. It happened that the above faculty members were not musically inclined so they called in the woman from the community. The twelve students were all from Missouri. Two of whom were Dale Bouggess, now in St. Louis. Sorry that I don't recognize any of the other ten from the pictures that we have.

The next year the Conference moved to the beautiful Western University, Quindaro, Kansas, where it remained from 1929-1935. Here the Conference grew, with each of the states sending students and faculty members. Sometimes students came from Illinois too. Western University was ideal in its stepping. Situated away from noise and bustle of the city the entire force were able to really feel the presence of God, that one week of mountain top Christian Experience.

Unfortunately because of the State taking over Western University the Conference was forced to move its location.

In vain the Committee looked for a site adequate to house the Conference, hence in 1936, determined that the Mid West Conference chain must not be broken, the Conference was held at Eighth St. Christian Church, Kansas City, Kansas, with Bro. L. H. Crawford as host, and Elder and Mrs. Prince Greys home served as dormitory.

Again in 1937 Conference at Kansas City, Kansas, with Brother and Sister Crawford's home used as the dormitory.

In 1938 Mid West Conference was held at Columbia, Missouri, with Elder and Mrs. Frank Coleman as host and hostess.

The hospitality of these churches will never be forgotten, neither will the sacrifices that they made for Mid West that she might serve the youth of these states. However, the committee still searched for a suitable location.

Finally, Raymond Baldwin, Young Peoples worker for the state of Kansas was contacted and the need for a place was discussed. He was deeply interested and made arrangements that Mid West Conference be held at the “Sunflower Camp,” Banner Springs, Kansas.

Jubilantly, in 1940 the conference again was able to have its full enriched program and has continued to help the youth really live one glorious week of “Jesus' Way of Life.”

You perhaps have leaders in your church, a direct product of a conference. Mid West can boast of such leaders throughout their area. We pray that its influence may continue to be Christian—it's platform the one that Jesus stands for—A Heaven here on earth.

Wm. J. Alphin,
4108 Page, St. Louis, Mo.

PIEDMONT CHESAPEAKE AREA YOUNG PEOPLES CONFERENCE 1932-1943

Prof. P. H. Moss after traveling through the Piedmont Chesapeake area realized with the closing of the Piedmont Christian Institute under the leadership of the late Prof. Jas. H. Thomas, that the opportunities for religious training of the youth in this area would be limited. With the whole hearted cooperation of Prof. Thomas, supported by the various departments of the Piedmont District Convention our first young people's conference was held on the Piedmont Institute site, Martinsville, Virginia, Henry County.

It was the summer of 1943 that our first conference opened on Monday morning July 18, 1932 with the writer as local directress and Miss Anna Clark dean both extending greetings to a faculty and student body of twenty- four.

The conference movement was a new experience in this area therefore we were timid in making the attempts yet all persons interested were very enthusiastic, their main reason was due to the facts that the Institute had closed and every one was anxious for the growth of the youth in religious training.

The first conference opened with all of its students coming from the Piedmont area despite the fact that students were expected to attend from the Chesapeake area. It was not until after we had had been conducting the conference for four summers did persons come to us from the Chesapeake area comprising the cities of Baltimore, Maryland, and Washington, D. C. In all eighteen persons have attended from that area, leaving the remainder to come from Piedmont area covering cities in Virginia, North Carolina and West Virginia, in all a total of 132 students have attended during the ten years the conference has been established with 17 graduates all from the Piedmont area.

The following persons have served as leaders: Miss Anna Clark 1932, Mr. George Oliver Taylor 1933, Mr. P. H. Moss 1934, 35, Mr. V. G. Smith 1936, 37, 38, 39, Mr. R. H. Peoples 1940, 41, 42.

The writer has served continuously from 1932-1942.

Missionaries are as follows: Mr. Herbert Smith, Africa, Mrs. H. Gray Russell, Mrs. Myrtle Barger, Mr. Sredgrek Rowe, Africa. Mrs. Nancy Berry, Mr. W. O. Gill, Home Missionaries, Jarvis College, Texas. Miss Hazel Barker, Japan, Miss Maria I. Dayman, Manila, Philippines, Mrs. Miriam Terry, India.

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WE ARE A GREAT PEOPLE WITH A GREAT PLEA

By Elder C. W. Arnold, Columbus, O.

This morning when I arrived at the church I found the Christian Plea in the mail and it was the first thing I read. I think most of our pastors and members feel proud of the Plea even though the editor does give us all a good going over every once in a while; but his sincerity and frankness are to be appreciated.

The Monroe Avenue Church is moving forward in every respect, even though the war is taking some of our manpower directly or indirectly, the financial and evangelistic pressure of the church are up. Things are being lined up right along for our great National Convention. The various Rational Boards we have approached have been generous in granting allotments for the ration goods needed to enter the convention. That makes us feel and realize its good to be an American. We are part of a great country inspite of the fact that we are not always able to enjoy all the opportunities it can afford its citizens. We are members of a great and glorious church too, inspite of the fact that many of our leaders would have us think we are “diminishing churchmen” as a Negro Brotherhood. We have been told and have read so much in our papers that we Negro Disciples are so little and insignificant until many among us believe it even some of our preachers. We are not really as small as some our leaders say we are and the denominations are not as large as they and some of us say and believe they are. If any people are constantly told that they are small and helpless and unable to accomplish worthwhile things they finally began to believe, feel, and act in that way. Let all our pastors, evangelists, field workers editors and outstanding laymen begin to preach as they have never done before that We Are a Great People with a Great Plea, until we all catch on fire with a great passion and go everywhere preaching the word.

I once heard a Baptist Preacher say in one of our pulpits that every time he preached to or addressed an audience that he tried to make-the-people feel that they wanted to go out and join some Baptist Church. Though I could not appreciate such a statement in one of our churches, I at least admired his conviction. It is better to have the wrong conviction than no conviction at all. That preacher could not make people feel the way he wanted by telling them that they were a small, helpless and insignificant people. He surely did not magnify the Baptists weakness and short comings.

We can begin by taking the control of our established congregations out of the hands of a few selfish office holding people, who must hold office or tear up a church. We would soon see many souls coming into the church and money filling the coffers that the church never could have raised. The preacher and officers need to take the first step, the people will follow. No group of folks will follow their ministers more readily and willingly than the Negro Congregations will follow its ministers. However, we will not be without some kickers and knockers and a few who won’t cooperate, but even that can be turned into an advantage.

Brethren, we Negro Disciples ought to be challenged by the needs and the call of the large cities of our country which are teeming souls after the material things of life and many of them are Disciples of Christ from “down home” Negroes by the thousands are pouring into such cities as Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Omaha, New Orleans, Denver San Francisco, Seattle, Toledo, San Diego Grand Rapids and Harlem and there no Disciples Congregations to await them. Many of us are hoping that some of our Ministers, Conventions, Missionary Boards for the Powers of the world crisis.

To meet human need caused by a world caught in a pagan war and to redeem life for the Kingdom of God.

To do our share in the advance of the work of Christ around the world, to call our people to sacrifice the things they possess for the advancement of Christ’s kingdom.

The call was to individuals, and over thirty-thousand people have had part, and over twenty-five hundred churches have opened their doors and welcomed Emergency Million for Life and Work. The total in cash and pledges is $998,200. Because of this response, funds received have enabled the causes to meet the current emergencies of life and work around the world.

We salute these faithful people and churches who have made possible the present achievement.
Victory is within our grasp. Victory will mean that as a people we have made an answer to serve in the world crisis. Victory will mean that we have responded to the cry of humanity; bound up the wounds of the hurt; fed the hungry and comforted the broken-hearted.

Victory will mean that we are meeting our obligations as a part of the world Christian family in advancing the Kingdom of God. Victory will mean that a great host of our people have found new joy in stewardship and sacrifice.

This is the victory that has overcome our selfishness, even our faith. If you or your church have not shared in Emergency Million, there is no victory. Two objects lie before us:

First, every church should give its membership a chance to participate in Emergency Million before June 30th. Second, every church should attain its goal in cash by June 30th.

EMERGENCY MILLION NEARS VICTORY.

YOUNG PEOPLES CONFERENCES

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Our faculty has consisted of some of the best characters in the brotherhood giving their service wholehearted. A total of 26 persons have served with an average of 3½ years, of this number three are graduates of the Piedmont Conference. Namely: Mr. Emmet Dickson, Mrs. O. Zolar, Mrs. E. B. Penn, Miss Bessie Thomas, Mrs. Ross Page Welch, Mrs. Samuel Tyree, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Gill, Mr. Poe, Mr. J. D. Hill, Mr. Ira S. Ashe, Mr. Jas. H. Thomas, Mrs. V. M. Earley, Mr. M. L. Lambert, Mr. C. Dickson, Miss Evlyn Smith, Miss Marion Anderson, Miss Rosa Cannon, Mrs. Pearl Clark, Mrs. Esther Scott, Miss Rosa Brown, Mr. R. T. Anderson, Miss Margaret Ridley, Miss Lois Foster.

After the Institute closed we continued to hold our conference in the building until it was sold to the Henry County School board to be used as an elementary and High School for the colored youth of the county.

For the past two years the conference has been held at the Fayette Street Christian Church, Martinsville, Virginia, with the help of the Missionary Societies of the district, temporary quarters have been built on the church property across the street from the church to take care of the boys, dining room and kitchen.

In the month of August 1939, our first Laboratory Training school was set up during the week of conference with the experimental center at the Fayette Street Christian Church. This school was set up under the efficient supervision of one of our National Children's directors, Miss Florence P. Carmichael. The chief objective of the school was to train leaders of leaders in the field of Religious Education. Secondary to this aim, was that of training workers for more efficient service in our local church school. A third aim was that of preparing the student-teacher with means of assisting the parents, particularly the mothers, in knowing the problems and needs of their children, and how to meet them. Better methods and materials were also presented.

On Monday morning the student teachers met the children at the church and the school was set up with three departments, Beginners under the supervision of Miss Bessie Chandler, Primary and Juniors were under the supervision of Mrs. R. H. Peoples. The school was a success. The district leaders agreed. The Laboratory school is the ideal method for giving Sunday school teachers actual experience.

The second year, the Laboratory Training school was directed by Miss Mabel Niedermeyer and the teachers under her supervision were Miss Roberta Brown, Juniors, Mrs. R. H. Peoples, Primary, and Miss R. M. Stultz, Beginners.

The third year Mrs. Z. M. Peoples supervised our school. Since our school had a different location, opportunities for creative abilities were given. Mrs. Peoples served as a very splendid leader. The auditorium of the Institute which was being used consisted of one main room and the student teachers had an opportunity to see how one room could be converted into four class rooms. Misses Roberta Brown, Louise Anderson and R. M. Stultz served as teachers. Several interesting projects were worked out during this summer's work and because of large number of student teachers more schools were contacted.

In order that more people can be reached we are transferring this program to the conference in the time of the Piedmont District Convention, August 4-8, 1943.

Our Young People's Conference will continue this summer (August 8-14) with the fine cooperation and fellowship we've had from the various departments of the Piedmont Convention.

The historical statements written by the local directors of the respective conferences all give credit to this wonderful pioneer for being the inspiration and the moving spirit back each of the conferences. As we review briefly the work of these sixteen years, each of us should double our determination to carry on with the same spirit and zeal that motivated him to give his life that the youth of our church might know the Jesus way of living.

If we are to carry on this year with all of our fine conference traditions and spirit, we must have young people. With more of our older young people getting jobs it will be necessary for our churches to send more of the younger group. Again we appeal for the boys. We cannot have trained elders and deacons for tomorrow's Church unless we begin today.

Let every church send as many young people as you have to conference for four years and a few of your adult leaders, your church will become one of the first churches in our brotherhood.

Study the conference dates and places and be sure to attend the one nearest you. We call your attention to the fact that the Central Conference will meet this year at Kentucky State College, Frankfort, Kentucky. We will have all the conveniences to make it a successful conference.

Will you plan to meet me in conference?

—Mrs. E. G. Starling

R. H. Peoples
1943 Young People’s Conference
CONFERENCE PLACES AND DATES

Mid West—Bonner Springs, Kansas.
Register at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, June 20.
Closes: Sunday at 9:00 a.m., June 27. Total Cost, $8.00.
Write to: R. W. Watson, 2327 Lydia Kansas City, Mo.
Adult Seminar: For leaders of young people. Total Cost, $6.00.

Central—Kentucky State College, Frankfort, Kentucky.
Register at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, July 4.
Closes: Saturday afternoon, July 10. Total Cost, $7.50.
Write to: Mrs. Edith W. Bristow, 2216 W. Chestnut, Louisville, Kentucky.
Adult Seminar: For leaders of young people. Total Cost, $6.00.

SECOND REQUEST for Correct Addresses of pastors, correspondents, heads of departments, superintendents of Sunday Schools, presidents of Women’s Missionary Societies or Women’s Councils, presidents of Christian Endeavor Societies of the Christian Youth Fellowship, and sponsors of your young peoples’ and children’s groups.

Only eleven ministers and one correspondent have responded. Will you please fill out the card and return it. It is urgent! We must have the correct addresses. If you pastor more than one church, see that the information is in for all of them.

R. H. Peoples
May 17, 1943

Pastors, Superintendents,
Dear Friends:

The missionary year is rapidly drawing to a close. Are you satisfied with your record? When the books are closed it will be too late to say we should have made a better record.

Children’s Day, the last special day, will soon be here and many of the churches have not done as well as they did last year. We have checked the missionary giving of your Sunday school and find that last year you gave for Missions $—. This year up to April 30, your Sunday School has given $—.

Since most people are making more money than they did last year, and since so many of our churches will fail to give anything for Missions, will your church and church school do a little more than you had planned to do. The Gospel must be preached. If your church fails to obey the command of Jesus, “... to preach the gospel to every creature and teach them to observe all things...”, Christ’s work will suffer until others come on to take your place.

We are counting on you to do more for the cause than you did last year. Send your gifts in before June 30.

Sincerely yours,
R. H. Peoples
Theme: "Lift Christ Now"

CONFERENCE PLACES AND DATES

Piedmont—Martinsville, Virginia (Fayette St. Church).
Register at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, August 8.
Closes: Saturday Noon, August 14. Total Cost, $7.00.
Write to: Mrs. E. G. Starling, Martinsville, Va.
Adult Seminar: For leaders of young people. Total Cost, $5.00.

Magnolia—Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi.
Register: Monday, September 6.
Closes: Sunday, September 12.

JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
Hawkins, Texas
Mrs. V. Carney-Waddleton, Reporter

"AROUND THE CAMPUS"

Attention is being directed to commencement activities. The calendar of events for the commencement season is as follows:

Sunday, May 23—Baccalaureate Sermon (Rev. E. J. Dickson)—2:30 p.m.
Monday, May 24—President's Reception for Seniors—8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 25—Annual Musicaile—8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 26—Meeting of Board of Trustees—10:00 a.m.
Alumni Meeting—10:00 a.m.
Commencement Program—2:30 p.m.
Mrs. H. B. Marx, Commencement Speaker, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Miss Dale Ellis plans to be on the campus during the commencement season. Her presence is always inspirational.

There are thirteen candidates for graduation this year. They are as follows: Claudia Britton, Suetta Cole, Cordelia Cox, William N. Dickery, Eldora Hemphill Venolia Hemphill, George E. Jacobs, Naomi Jones, Ruth Neely Mary E. Rand, General T. Reed, Charlie Mae Sanders, and Wilma Walton.

Summer school opens May 31. Prospects seem favorable for a good summer school.

The Missionary Society has a very interesting program scheduled for Mother's Day. The guest speaker of the morning will be Mrs. D. E. Williams from Marshall Texas.

The Dramatic Club gave its annual part on May 6. This along with the other gain affairs which have been given recently was quite an enjoyable occasion.

National Music Week was observed in a very interesting manner. Mrs. C. P. Jackson, instructor of instrumental music presented the chapel program on May 5 with students from her department participating on program. Mrs. O. S. Barker presented the program during the chapel period on May 7 which consisted of group numbers, choir numbers, class numbers, and a rendition by a guest violinist, Mrs. J. A. Walkup.

The Freshmen Class has been the most active class enrolled in the college this year having completed many worthwhile projects as well as reaching the goal set out at the beginning of the year. Some of the accomplishments have been as follows:

1. Presentation of various types of entertainment which has broken the monotony of daily routine and at the same time aided in the development of a wholesome collegiate atmosphere.
2. Presentation of a large wall picture of President P. C. Washington for the chapel.
3. Donation of $5.00 to the Red Cross.
4. Leader in the discovery of campus talent.
5. Contributed $12.05 to the Jarvis Entrance Fund.

They plan to give their class picnic on May 13. This will be the last time they will have for fellowship together as freshmen before they embark upon the activities of sophomores. This class will lose four of its members on May 10 who will enter the armed services of this country. They are: Pearlman Kennedy B. C. Daniels, Charles Johnson, and Donald Jacobs.

Other students on the reserve list who are to report to the reception center on May 10 are: John Brigham, Algie Coleman, Alfred Edwards, Rodgers Garmon, Melvia Lewis, Eugene Metcalf Eddie Norcis, Jerry Rhoden, Calvin Rivers and E. J. West. These people are members of the sophomore, junior, and senior classes.

The Ministerial Institute which was conducted on the campus from April 19 to April 24 marked a milestone in the history of Jarvis. It was well attended and some of the most outstanding leaders in the field of religion were present. The celebrities present were: Dr. Ralph Felton, Dr. Willard M. Wickizer, Dr. Frank Crain, Dr. McWilliams, Instructor of Religion and Social Sciences from Texas College, Dr. Gordon Worley, Educational Specialist from State Department of Education, Austin, Texas, and Reverend R. H. Peoples. Mrs. T. C. Dickson and Dr Edwards served on the faculty. Enthusiasm was high, and those who attended are looking forward to returning next year if the same type of institute is sponsored.
Reading from left to right: William C. Blythe, treasurer; Fannie H. Clark, financial secretary; Lawrence Field, assistant chairman of the finance committee; Nellie R. Smith, building fund leader; D. C. Simpson, chairman of the trustee board; Martha Stokes a pioneer member; Elmer R. MacDonald, chairman of the finance committee, above R. H. Davis, pastor.

BROTHERHOOD NEWS

INDIANA AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Celebrates Seventh Anniversary and Burns Mortgage
Chicago, Ill.

The Indiana Avenue Christian Church recently celebrated their seventh Anniversary and lifted their indebtedness of the church home.

Under the spiritual guidance of our efficient pastor Rev. R. H. Davis and Mrs. Nellie R. Smith president of the building fund club (volunteers) and the co-operative membership and friends the indebtedness was liquidated a year ahead of time.

Our wide awake Trustee and Official Boards certainly lost no time in doing their duty toward the business side.

On April 11th at 3:30 p.m. “Burn the Mortgage” services were held. messages and greetings were extended from the Board of Church extension, The Chicago Disciples Union, and Chicago Ministerial Fellowship.


Mrs. Martha Stokes, a pioneer member, and Mrs. Nellie R. Smith officiated when the document went into flames. Dr. Leonard Pratt served as Master of Ceremonies.

Rev. R. H. Davis came to pastor the church thirteen years ago when the church then was known as the Oakwood Blvd. Church. After many struggles the property was lost. Rev. Davis succeeded in keeping the group together until we found this little spot now our own, and in spite of the difficulties which have come to pass since he has been pastor, did not discourage him but kept praying and working to lead his group to victory.

Rev. R. H. Davis is native of Jamaica, British West Indies, born of Christian parents, and upon completing his elementary and high school education came to the states and graduated from the Southern Christian Institute (SCI), Edwards, Mississippi, Eureka College, Eureka, Illinois Cincinnati University, Cincinnat, Ohio, and have from time to time taken post work at the University of Chicago. He was ordained for the ministry in 1914.

Aside from being pastor of the Indiana Avenue Christian Church, he is a prominent member of several organizations, namely, first vice president of the National Convention of the Churches of Christ, Recording Secretary of the Interdenominational Ministers Council of Chicago, Trustee at large of the Chicago Church Federation, Financial Secretary of the Chicago Ministerial Fellowship and Service League, a member of the Interracial Commission, the Chicago Disciples Union, the Chicago Christian Ministerial Association, the John R. Lynch Model Community Council and a member of the Young Men Christians Association.

WICKIZER DISTURBED OVER RACIAL ISSUES

The Intensifying Problem of Racial Groups

The war has witnessed the growth of racial tension in our nation at an alarming rate. This has been due to a number of factors. One is that our minority racial groups have tended to take up seriously when we
have said that we were fighting for democracy and have attempted to assert their democratic rights here in our own land, only to be met with opposition and rebuff from a large section of white America. This is especially true with the Negro race. Negroes are being taxed, they are being drafted, they are required to suffer all of the inconveniences, hardships and dangers of war, and so they are rightly feeling that the penalization of economic and social restrictions under which they have been forced to live should be removed.

In the case of the Japanese and the Japanese-Americans in our nation the case is largely one of war hysteria. While the F. B. I. and other governmental agencies have watched this group carefully for several years only a very few have been discovered who were disloyal to America, yet the whole group stands condemned, or at least suspected, today before the bar of American public opinion. We fight for the "liberation of the Orient" on the one hand and on the other we put the largest concentration camps! Two weeks Revival began April 19 and through the 23rd with a program sponsored by the Adult Missionary.

Sunrise service Easter morning. Bible School at 10:30. Preaching at 11:30. Bible School program at 3:30. Young People Missionary Council gave a program at 8:00 o'clock sponsored by Brother Walker, followed by a sermonette. Total proceeds for the day was $13.48.

We had a most pleasant surprise visit from a former member of our church Nathaniel Riley and family of Louisville, Ky. Brother Riley was brought up in this church and was an active deacon when he moved. He gave an encouraging and interesting talk at prayer service on Wednesday night.

We have complete more improvements to our church building.

Brother and Sister Walker were called to Shady Grove the first of May on account of the death of Sister Mattie Penick. Bro. Walker officiated. We all have our heads, our hearts turned toward the Conference and Convention. Hoping to meet many of our Brothers and Sisters then.

ROSS STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH ASK AID MONTGOMERY, ALA.

The Ross St. Christian Church— which lost by fire its building May 1, 1942—is in desperate effort to rebuild. By the grace of God and the generosity of many friends and our own Self Denial we have gone forward with the building in a fine way, for which we are truly grateful.

To be able to meet the requirements of the church extension Board—to occupy the building on the 1st of March, we must have beginning January 17th and culminating on March 1st, $2000.00. We therefore are staging a Rally for $2000.00 in which we are asking every member of the church to give $10.00 more as God has prospered and every friend of the church to give $1.00 or more as they see fit.

The names of the members who give the $10.00 will be placed in the Corner Stone and the names of the friends who give $1.00 or more will also be placed in the Corner Stone on the day when the Corner Stone is laid.

Further more the name of both list of members who give $10.00 or more, and friends who give $1.00 or more to make up this grand total of $2000-00, will be placed on a tablet and framed as a permanent record of the Church.

Closing Selection—One to make this program a success.

St. John St., Montgomery, Ala.
G. F. Lewis, Pastor; Columbus Hinson, Chairman of Board; James Carter, Secretary; E. J. Cottrell, Treasurer.

CLAY STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

By Osceola A. Dawson, Paducah, Ky.

We are happy to say that things continue to move on in a very splendid way.

Since our last writing, "DEAR UNCLE SAM" has made a very desperate effort to take our pastor, but I think we have about convinced him that our need is greater than his.

For the last several weeks, our Gospel Chorus has been very active in the community, rendering programs for various organizations and churches. On Wednesday, April 23, the Group rendered the following Good Friday program at the Lincoln High School Assembly:

(Chorus hums: "Were You There?"

Opening Selection: "Were You There"? (1 stanza)

Opening Remarks—Sidney Smith (Chorus hums: "Were You There")

Scripture—The Rev. J. H. Stewart

Opening Selection—Chorus

Reading With Chorus Accompaniment—O. A. Dawson

Prelude: "Tis Midnight" (1, 2, 3)

Chorus

Part I "The Suffering Saviour"

Chorus hums: "Tis Midnight"

Interlude: "The Old Rugged Cross" (1 stanza)

Part II "Calvary"

(Chorus hums: "Old Rugged Cross"

Postlude: "The Old Rugged Cross" (4th stanza)

Selection: "Give Me a Voice"

Chorus

S' Three-Minute Talk—Elder H. E. Jackson

Selection: "Hallelujah"—Chorus, led by Sidney Smith

Announcements—Principal E. W. Whiteside

(Chorus hums: "Old Rugged Cross"

Closing Selection: "Were You There"

The chorus appeared, also, on The Paducah Civic League Program, Washington St. Baptist Church Dedicatory Program City wide program in interest of the Red Cross.

Easter Sunday was a glorious day.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA
in the life of the church. The spiritual life reached a very high peak. The day began with a "Sunrise Service," sponsored by the Inter-denominational Ministerial Alliance. The Reverend D. E. King, Pastor of Washington St. Baptist Church brought a very soul inspiring message. In the midst of such spiritual fervor, scarcely any soul could remain untouched. The morning services were beautiful and most appealing. "The Risen Christ" was made very real and every heart rejoiced. The Feast of Song." The day ended with feeling at high tide.

At this writing all efforts of the church are being centered on the presentation of two outstanding young artists, our own Mrs. Rosa Page Welch of Chicago, May 30, at 6 P. M., and Mr. George Matthews, Tenor of Dayton Ohio at 8:15, Monday, May 31. We are striving to make this affair the outstanding affair of the year. We are sponsoring this type of entertainment, for its cultural value as well as financial gains. We feel that a church should not allow the money making motive prompt all its activities. It should frequently turn its attention from itself to community improvement.

If your humble correspondent, am happy to report that my church did not forget me in my recent disaster. A very liberal donation was presented me. Words are very empty when it comes to express my appreciation for this type of consideration. From the very first, organizations and individuals have been most kind and thoughtful of me. I am grateful to everyone for whatever help they have done on my behalf, and most of all I am grateful to Almighty God, for "very good and perfect gift comes from Him," the Everlasting Provider.

SPECIAL TO THE PLEA

United Christian Church, 5631 39th Street, Detroit, Michigan

These are busy times in Detroit. Mrs. Rosa Page Welch spent a very busy week here in mid-April, climaxing with a concert at the Detroit Institute of Arts. This concert was held on the 29th, and was a grand success in every way. She made many new friends here among both races. We think she is rightly esteemed one of our rarest jewels. Our latest aspirant to the ministry here is Brother Thomas Courts. Young and aggressive, he is the protege of Brother R. L. (back-to-the-book) Peters, which is obvious when you listen to him. He proves every statement by the Book. We can see in him the nucleus of a wonderful minister. Pray for him!

We are getting along fine, no complaints! Visit us when you come to Detroit.

Yours in Christ,
T. R. Rouse, Reporter

MISSISSIPPI BLVD. CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Memphis, Tennessee

Mrs. C. E. Rowan, Reporter

Woman's Day was observed Sunday April 20, 1943 at the Mississippi Blvd. Christian Church. Rev. Thomas Brooks of Edwards, Mississippi was guest speaker. His message was inspiring to both young and old. Mrs. Corinne Whitaker introduced the speaker. Miss Lucille Rhine, Music Instructor at Hamilton High School furnished us with a wonderful Musical Program. The participants on the program were from the various churches of the City. The amount raised was $100.00. Everybody went over the top. From the results it seemed all had time for reflection to recall the words of the Master when he said "It is more blessed to give than to receive." The following were the Officers of the Drive: Mrs. Francis Gentry, Chairman; Mrs. Cecelia Roach, Co-chairman; Mrs. Ernestine Johnson, Secretary; Miss Lucille Rhine, Program Chairman; Mrs. Aline Lowe, Publicity Chairman; and Mrs. Tiney Wilson, Pew Chairman.

The church is having a very successful year under the leadership of Rev. Blair T. Hunt who has pastored the Mississippi Blvd. Christian Church for the past twenty years. The Christian principles embodies and exemplified in his Civic and Religious life cause many to look to his leadership. After all the most fundamental principles of Christianity is love expressing itself in service and sacrifice.

The church has paid its National Apportionment for the year. $1200.00 has been paid this year on the indebtedness of the church. The membership has increased, having taken seven into the church recently.

WEST SIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Des Moines, Iowa

J. J. Hawkins, Pastor, 1007 14th St.

When a speaker appears before an audience, the first thing he usually says is: "I am glad to be here." Even though he feels like kicking himself for accepting the invitation to speak he still addresses the listeners with "I am glad to be here."

The Plea readers find something similar to the above statements when they begin to read our reports as to the progress of the church. Even though we may see that things are slipping backward we still say: "Things are moving in a big way" and then immediately begin to talk of the other things. Well I just do not know what would happen to our success if we did not have old man make-believes to rely upon at times.

I have had a Bible School of 28. To date I have a Bible School of 14. The question is, 'What happened?' The parents of these 28 children were members of other churches. The children were in no ones Bible School. But when we drew these youngsters out of the streets it created envy and jealousy among those pastors of these two sisters and their brother came back to "visit" the Bible School but children's parents. You know the rest of that story Two Sundays ago asked me to "please don't tell mother we were here." For three Sundays I have seen those and other children back in the streets at the B. S. hour! Not until I "correct" those mothers (the fathers are in the army) will I feel that "Things are moving on in a big way."

We had as our goal last month, April, to add six members to our congregation. We added four to our group. Therefore we feel that there was a failure in our Easter program. And that failure was due to the lack of calling which were to have been made. All other plans were successful. One of those four added was a young lady, a mother of four children, who made her confession and was baptized. Through that mother and her children I see future pillars for the new church.

When we meet again in the Plea I hope to be able to say: "We are moving on in a big way."

MORGAN AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

G. E. Lakes, Minister

2317 Morgan Avenue, Parsons, Kan.

To us, Easter seem to have been the most glorious day of the month of April. We worked very hard to get some addition to the membership of the church through a series of services that we planned on the material "Opening Doors For God." We did not get any addition to the membership, but we were made to feel that our labor was not in vain, for we do have a few prospective members.

Our services on Easter Sunday were good from the beginning to the end. The Missionary Society, with the leadership of Sister V. B. Bridgewater, as usual, taking the lead. This time it was with the "Sunrise Service." Elder F. B. Bradley and his
staff of church school workers planned very good programs for both the Morning school and the Evening worship. Bro. R. W. Mallory, Jr. and his Christian Endeavor staff also planned a good lesson, picturing “Christ Living Today.” The Evening worship, conducted by the church school, included a beautiful one-act play, I preached a sermonette pertaining to the Season and closing with the Holy Communion and congregation by candle lighting. We had a number of visitors from various churches of the city, who seem to have been much impressed with the services.

UNTIE HIS HANDS HE IS YOUR MISSIONARY

His hands are tied, because there are enough of him
His hands are tied, because of insufficient supplies.
His hand are tied, because of our indifference.
Untie his hands with 100 new missionaries.
Untie his hands, with adequate equipment.
Untie his hands, with honest stewardship.
Untie his hands, with our vision.
We have commissioned consecrated, highly educated men and they have dedicated their lives to its fulfillment. They have accomplished miracles with the support we have given them. Their record speaks for itself.

In Africa, China, India, Jamaica, Japan Mexico Philippine Islands, Puerto Rico, Argentina and Paraguay—a staff of 170 missionaries and 2,066 national workers; 235 organized churches, 1,847 places of regular meeting in addition to 334 self-supporting churches, with a total membership of 71,975. Christian healing in 10 hospitals and 18 dispensaries with a trained staff of doctors, nurses, and medical assistants who gave 538,859 treatments last year. Teaching in 413 schools with 14,811 students of which 242 are studying for the ministry, and the supervision of 52 mission schools now self-supporting.

EXTEND THE WORD OF WORLD MISSIONS ON CHILDREN'S DAY
JUNE 6, 1943.

BLUEFIELD, W. VA., NEWS
Ann Keeling, Reporter

“Let not your heart be troubled”—John 14:1.

We offer our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Eva Johnson and family in their recent bereavement.

Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. Matelda Moore, sister of Mrs Susie White, who died recently.

Ushers Sponsor Service
An impressive service was given by the Usher Board under the capable direction of Mrs. L. Moss. The music was well arranged by Miss solos.

Geraldine Charlton. Mrs. H. G. Jordan and Miss L. Dickerson gave Miss Louise Anderson, a faithful member of our church, a pleasant visit, and hope she will soon return to “Nature’s Air conditioned City.”

The senior choir under the able direction of Mrs. R. E. Keeling sponsored a program in honor of Mother’s Day.

The morning service was under the leadership of Mrs. Craft Carter.

Mrs. Carter has made much improvement in the organization of the Junior Choir.

With Our Army
Corporal Charles Keeling, son of Mr and Mrs. R. E. Keeling is stationed in Georgia.

Corporal Keeling became affiliated with the Christian Church at an early age under the pastorate of the Reverend G. M. Dickerson.

Missionary letter

Midway, Ky., May 6, 1943

Dear Editor of the Plea—Just a few lines to let you know that we are still on the firing line. Church work moves in a very quiet way. The youth department is doing fine, and some of our women are hard at work—just recently they pulled off a Print Social which was quite a success, and they are planning now a program for Mother’s Day the 9th and also the annual anniversary for the 16th which we hope to make a success out of all these. We are also planning to send the young people to Conference this time and perhaps more if they will help to defray their own expenses, but we are sending four anyway. We just recently had two dozen song books donated to us or at least the price of the same has been donated, and the books are ordered—they Favorite Hymns No. 2 cloth bound. The donor was Mrs. Lilie Parish she gave us a check for $10.00 which constituted the most of the cost of the books they cost five forty a dozen without any extra engravings or expressed, but another friend, and myself underscored the deficit. I am also inclosing one dollar and fifty cents for three subscriptions to the Plea, for three preachers. Elder Edgar C. Riley, Midway, Ky., Box 107; Elder Ronald C. Lorimer, Midway, Ky.; Elder Charles L. Brooks 806 Security Bldg„ Lexington, Ky.

All for this time,
Yours respectfully,
F. R. Everett, Midway, Ky.
P. S. Look for us at the meeting in June 8-12

EVANGELISM
By Elder R. L. Peters

The Ministers and Churches in Tri State District much in action as shown in the following reports.

Christian Church Floyd Virginia
Floyd Virginia is a beautiful little town, on the Table Land of the Blue Ridge Mountains of South West Virginia. About one fourth of the population is Colored People. There is but one colored church in the town, and that is the Christian Church. It is a beautiful frame building conveniently located. With a nice membership composed of some of the best people of the town and County of Floyd. This Church has been established for more than fifty years. For about a half a century. It was organized by the late Reverend R. A. Spencer, who was a pioneer Preacher in the Piedmont section of Virginia. He planted New Testament Churches in three Counties of Virginia, namely) Patrick, Henry, and Floyd. This Christian Church is the strongest Religious body (Numerically) in Patrick and Henry counties.

Elder E. Patterson of Tazewell Virginia and Professor Lovelace Cal loway of Greensboro N. C., who is a blind Musician has recently conducted a revival in Floyd, which was a splendid success and the church was revived Elder Patterson was called to the pastorate of this church. He is a fine young man and is doing Outstanding work in Preaching the Old Jerusalem Gospel to the people in the mountainous section.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Greensboro, N. C.

Elder H. L Carson, Pastor

Dear Rev Peters:
Just a few lines to let you hear from me and the Church. Happy to say we are yet at work. It has been well with us. I have been looking to hear from you also Rev. Patterson but have not. I have also been looking for the report blanks of the Church—but have not as yet received them.

I am sending you a report in full from August the 9th, till April 25th.
Church Report $107.44
Sunday School Report 70.12
**THE NORWOOD CHRISTIAN \nCHURCH MOVES FORWARD**

By E. W. Wilbert, 214 Sprague St., Dayton, Ohio

We have not sent a message to the Plea since we wrote about the Church paying off its Mortgage. Nevertheless the Church has been steady going forward with its program. In January the Auditorium was decorated preparing for the celebrations and Mortgage Burning that take place in February. This work was under the supervision of the Trustee Board of which Brother J. C. Riffe is Chairman. The congregation rallied nicely to this project. The total cost for this decorating and labor was $285.00 dollars. This entire amount was paid by March First.

February was filled with activity. There was a joint celebration of 1928 anniversary of the occupancy of the present building and the 7th anniversary of the pastor and wife. There were nightly services from the 8th through the 11th with the various pastors of the city taking part each night, with the anniversary Banquet Friday night the 12th. The young Adults of the Church of which Mrs. Elizabeth Patterson is Chairman had charge of the Banquet. It was said to be one of the best Banquets in the History of the Church. Sunday night the 14th was that joyful night when the Mortgage of the Church was burned. The weather was right at zero that night but the church was crowded just the same with our three white Churches well represented.

**MEMPHIS CHURCH SUPPORTS 
THE NATIONAL CONVENTION**

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There were six additions in this Revival. In days like these every Church needs a Revival.

If you would like to get a real view of the Norwood Church you drop in sometime without notifying us and you will find every department of the church hard at work. This reminds me of this little saying "One thing at a time and that done well is a very good rule as many can tell."

"Why do you wait dear brother? The harvest is passing away; Your Savior is longing to bless you, There’s danger and death in delay."

Mr. E. E. Jones 1313 E Seventh Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Brother Jones:

It made me feel happy to read of the fine work the Pastor and Laymen of the East Sixth Street Christian Church are doing. I have framed the picture and it now hangs in my office.

Tell the men for me, to lead the Brotherhood in getting subscriptions for the Christian Plea and one dollar per member for the National Convention and we who can will follow.

Your friend,

W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor

March 23, 1943

Prof. Merl Eppse
Edina Christian Plea
449 Fourth Avenue, North
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Prof. Eppse:

I am attaching a copy of the names of the members who have contributed to the support of the National Convention for publication.

A check for the amount involved has been turned over to Dr. J. E. Walker, National Treasurer.

Very truly yours,

Utiliss R. Phillips, Secretary

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CLARK ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Greenville, Texas

Elder F. C. Carey, Pastor
Mrs. N. T. Fudgen, Reporter

We are happy to say that two were baptized since our last report. The following churches with their pastors worshipped with us for one week in a financial drive. First night the "I Try Club" speaker, Rev. Sapp, pastor of the Church of God in Christ, offering $20.20. Second night the pastor spoke for the missionary society, offering $6.00. Third night the AID speaker, Rev. Moore, pastor of C. M. E., offering $22.00. Fourth night the Bible School and C. E. speaker Rev Derrick pastor of Bethlehem Baptist, offering $16.10. Fifth night the elders and deacons speaker Rev. Beal, pastor of M. E., offering $5.00. Sixth night New Hope speaker, Rev Hicks offering $57.75. Financially the drive was a success. Miss E. L. Williams a former Jarvis student, a member of Clark St Church and also one of our city teachers lost her mother recently. Easter Week of Prayer title "Beyond the Cross" was led by sister Mabel Hill. The Easter exercise was conducted by sister Allie Williams. Also on the program was a quartet by some of the colored soldiers from Major’s Field.

We regret very much to lose deacon Alin Fannin and life as they were...
counted with the faithful few that generally helped to carry on the good work. Our prayers are they may continue while living in the beautiful city Chicago, Ill.

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
2279 E. 83rd St., Cleveland, O.
Dr. G. C. Campbell, Pastor
Mrs. Nola Scott, Reporter

We've had a wonderful progress since our Pastor arrived Nov. 15th, 1942. Offering and attendance have doubled. Additions five. We just closed one month Rally of One Hundred dollars for Our Building fund. Our church is inspired to have this true and tried man of God with us. Bible School under the leadership of Mrs. Catherine Savage as Supt is growing and doing fine. They gave $25.00 in Our Rally.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR'S MESSAGE TO CHURCHES

Dear Pastor or Church Worker:
Was National Convention Day observed in your Congregation this year? If not, will you call it to the attention of your Pastor and Church leader and urge them to send $1.00 per member to Dr. J. E. Walker, National Treasurer, 234 Hernando St., Memphis, Tenn. Let's raise five thousand dollars by National Convention time. Let's make the National Convention secure spiritually and financially.

Surely seventy-five thousand Disciples of Christ and five hundred congregations can do it. Let me hear what you have done and are doing through The Christian Plea. Our next National Convention will be held with the Monroe Avenue Christian Church, Columbus, Ohio August 17th to 22nd, 1943.

Yours for a Bigger and Better National Convention,
W. H. Taylor, President

A REVIVAL OF TITHING
April 25-June 13

There is being issued this month from the office of Unified Promotion a packet of materials setting forth a program of tithing for the period April 25 to June 13th. This program is coordinated with the Christian Family Stewardship Week, May 2 to 9th. There are two time periods in this six week period—April 25 to May 16, which is designated as the preparatory period and the demonstration period from May 16 to June 13th. During the first part of the stewardship emphasis an effort will be made to present the program of the tithe to every organization and individual within the church membership and on May 9th to enlist as many as possible to commit themselves to one month's tithing program. During the second part of the time there will be a demonstration of the giving of the church in which the members are tithing their incomes.

The program as outlined by Unified Promotion has seven points—
1. A thorough pupil presentation of tithing on the Sunday May 2nd (2) in the program and enlisting others
2. Study classes, reading circles and discussion groups used to get stewardship education of the church membership
3. Enlistment Day observation

The packet of materials prepared by Unified Promotion contains the following leaflets—Stewardship Thoughts for Boys and Girls. The Tithe is the Lord's Now; I Believe in Tithing; The Christian Family in Action; Family Stewardship; The First 10% and the Second 10%; Tithing a Life Practice. These materials are available through Unified Promotion, Irvington Station Box 36, Indianapolis, Indiana.

MISS JAMISON'S COLUMN

WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE MEETING

"Keep your hand on the plow—Hold on" is the refrain of Langston Hughes' "Freedom's Plow." It describes the way in which the women in our churches local, state and national are not turning away from the work of the church but are holding on.

We had the feeling that we were making history April 2 and 3 when a small number of state and national leaders gathered in Indianapolis for an executive meeting the first to be held outside of Convention Assembly, for some years.

A presentation of the work and observations of the work of The United Christian Missionary Society included greetings or presentations by Dr. R. M. Hopkins, President; Mrs. R. A. Doan, Vice-president (also a participant throughout the meeting) Mrs. Mae Ward, Secretary of Latin American Missions; Mr. Willary M. Wickizer, Executive Secretary of Home Missions; Mr. William Holder, Evangelism; Mr. James A. Crain, Social Welfare and Rural Work; and Mr. M. Owen Kellison, Executive Secretary of Christian Education and Mr. Wilbur C. Parry, Director of Christian Education Advance.

Mrs. H. B. Marx, Executive Secretary of Missionary Organizations and one of the leaders of our meeting presented the "Task Before Us." In the presentation Mrs. Marx lifted up pertinent factors in church life today in which Christian women have definite responsibility and opportunity for service. Factors concerning the relationships of our local group with the national office were also included in her statement.

We took a tour of Missions Building visiting the Office were also included in her statement.

We took a tour of Missions Building visiting the Offices of all head-quarters secretaries and the large number of workers who compose the secretarial staff. Miss Edith Eberle, Director of Sales Literature and Research presented the current study books along with scores of supplementary books and current study books and current literature in various fields.

Our meals were delicious and attractively served in the home of Miss Alma Scott, Secretarial Assistant—Department of Missionary Organizations. Sometimes we ate around an open fireplace with meals of baked ham (in these times) and the trimmings. Sometimes our meals were preceded and concluded with hymn singing. Always there was conversation and good fellowship.

Definite suggestions from this meeting are going to state groups with suggestions for the institute conferences within convention programs. Some states will use the convention time to plan work for the next twelve months. Other states will use the institute period to study program materials for the local church.

Letters are enroute to every local president asking her to compile the history of her local Missionary Organizations. This is an attempt to keep some of the missionary passion of the past which may be of tremendous importance to us at present. Include if you can the date of organization—the person who organized, the names of all presidents and outstanding contributions and

OBSEERVE NATIONAL CONVENTION DAY ONCE AND SEND $1.00 PER MEMBER DIRECT TO DR. J. E. WALKER, NATIONAL TREASURER, 234 HERNANDO ST., MEMPHIS, TENN. URGE YOUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE CHRISTIAN PLEA.

W. H. TAYLOR, PRES.
achievements of your organization. These are to be turned in to the state president for presentation at the state convention, then to be passed on to the national secretary for compiling into a book to be the property of the National Convention. Local presidents get busy. Search records, legends, histories for accounts of the happenings in the missionary organization of which you are now a part.

Detailed planning was done for the National Convention program. Relationships with other brotherhood organizations and churches was discussed. "Guide posts for Service" a new monthly service bulletin was discussed. The use of it within the local group is recommended. A copy is in the possession of every local president. If you have not received your copy and the second supplement, please let me know.

The president of our women's department is strongly urged to appoint a new president-to-be passed on to her successor.) Be sure that the new officers' names are mailed to me immediately.

Remember I am happiest when I can serve you.

SPENCER MEMORIAL CHURCH NEWS—WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.

Pre-Easter Revial And Financial Drive Seems To Be The Solgan Of All The Churches

Spencer Memorial Church has on a Rally, that will close Sunday, April 11th.

Owing to the war situation several of the key men was called to the U. S. Army. And that caused, R. L. Peters, National Evangelist, to have to cancel many of his engagements on the field. He was compelled to remain with his home Church, and send men on his Evangelistic staff to fill engagements in his stead.

I am sending Enclosed $1.00 (for one year's subscription.) "to the Christian Plea." Send to Mr. J. Walter Poole, Route 6, Box 107, Greensboro, N. C.

The fourth year term of the school of Evangelism, is now in session at Spencer Memorial Christian Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Friday night, March 26th, among the number the following persons: received Diplomas. They were presented by Rev. Eugene Patterson of Tazewell, Va., Rev. G. M. Dickerson, of Tazewell, Virginia addressed the Graduates. The occasion was great and will long be remembered.

Graduates: Rev. Mrs. Alene Duck Walker, General President of missionary work and young peoples work combined, General Superintendent Sunday Schools, of the Glorious Church of God Inc. Graduated the first year training for service (40 lessons). By C. J. Sharp.

Class in second year training for service graduated in Church History and Personal Evangelism.

Rev. Mrs. Iva Harris Missionary First Baptist Holiness Church.

Rev. Mrs. Catherene Elizabeth Atkins President of the Womens Ministerial union of the Apostolic Holiness Church.

YEAR'S END

Only one month remains before the close of our missionary year. It is time to check again on the goals of membership, attendance, and offerings. Your quota slip which came to you this month specifies what you have already done and intimates what must be done to complete the work of the year satisfactorily or high commendably. What will you do?

SCHOLARSHIPS

All offerings from missionary organizations this year above the giving of last year has been designated (three hundred dollars). Would it not be an excellent advance if we doubled the goal of increase? You can help by increasing your local goal a proportionate amount.

NEW OFFICERS

May is the month to elect officers. June is the month to install them. An installation service is in "Guide Posts" (now in possession of the president—to be passed on to her successor.) Be sure that the new officers' names are mailed to me immediately.

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DISTRIBUT BOARD MEET

The Executive of Churches of Christ in Tri-State District met at Center Tabernacle, Greensboro, N. C.

Rev. Eugene Patterson Presiding.

This meeting climaxed all previous ones along all lines. The attendance were 10 percent. Around $50.00 were collected. All Churches in the District brought up good reports. The hostel Church entertained the group in a very satisfactory way. From the appearance of the tables there was no food rationing.

HERE AND THERE

By Elder John D. Henry, 121 Front St. Clayton, N. C.

Alums Spring, Dover, N. C.

The war helps our churches in N. C., at Dover, N. C., the attendance is better this year than in the history of the church. Wherever the attendance is better in any church the spirit is higher. We had four youths to unite. Rev. A. A. Hartley of Clayton, N. C., was with us. We were glad to have this strong minister.

Visits "Father Whitefield"

We were in Kinston, N. C., last week and went into have a chat with Elder C. R. D. Whitfield. It is an inspiration to sit and chat with this old sainted minister, I was so delighted with his presence that I spent the night. Let more of us drop in and call on these old heroes of the past. I visited the oldest woman preacher of our group in the State.

From Kinston, N. C., we went to Plymouth, N. C., to see Sister Norman who is at present ill and for some time has been a shut in. Sister Norman is far past her hundredth birthday. She has preached since 1865. She has four sons who are ministers.

Attends Funeral

The writer was recently called to the funeral of the late Elder W. R. Steele of Elizabeth City, N. C., who passed away at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, March 27, 1943, while at his pastoral home in Columbia N. C. He had been a member—He had prayed and often told the people that he wanted to die in Columbia, so he just sat down and was dead.

Helps Set Apart A Baptist Minister

We were invited to attend a ordination service at Pine Grove Baptist Church, Sunday p.m. to help set apart Brother Frank Ewing, to the ministry. We shall long remember this day.

Meets at Goldsboro, N. C., Tuesday, May 11 at G. C. I. there we plan to celebrate our seventh year of the Disciples of Christ in Eastern North Carolina and Virginia.

Read the PLEA. Then pass it on.
N. TAZEWELL, VA.

Rev. Eugene Patterson, Pastor
Mary L. Dickerson, Reporter

The Contest rally between Spencer Memorial Christian Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., and Midway Church of Christ Tazewell, Va., closed April 11th. The son Rev. Eugene Patterson came out ahead and the father Rev. R. P. Peters is to have his church pay the prize of $10.00 to Midway Church, Spencer Memorial raised $379.40; Midway Church, Tazewell, raised $8464.60. Tazewell Church was divided into three groups. Their captions were three fine young married women who did excellent work. Mrs. Willie Browder raised $165.16; Mrs. Celestine Harman raised $201.61; Mrs. Ina Horton raised, $250.00; Rev. Eugene Patterson raised, $27.89; Small children, $20.00.

Rev. Patterson conducted a fine meeting at Floyd, Va., closing Easter Sunday. He will leave for Danville, Kentucky Monday after Mothers Day for a 10 day revival there.

We have made some nice repairs in our Church Auditorium. The Missionary Society is going to buy a new piano for the Church we hope to have it in for Mothers Day. We are uplifted with our work.

Pray for us.

HOLLY GROVE HAS STIRRING MEETING

By Elder J. C. West
Tillman Miss.

Holly Grove met on its regular monthly Sunday session. A large number turned out to thank God for all His blessing and to listen to a soul-stirring sermon from the 9th Chapter of the Apostles.

At the close of the meeting an invitation was extended and the visitors were welcome to come forth. Many did and the Church was very happy to have so many to unite with the church.

A special effort is being put forth to have the work at Holly Grove to line up with the National work.

MRS. ZELLA HARRIS SCORES WITH CANTATA AT THE WHITE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, HOMING, OKLAHOMA

Mrs. Zella Harris is one of the four daughters (all college graduates) of Elder and Mrs. Z. H. Howard of Muskogee, Oklahoma. She is a member of the Second Christian Church of Muskogee and holds her Master's degree from Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa. She studied piano in the School of Music at Hiram College, Hiram, Ohio from which school she received her A.B. degree after finishing high school at the then Jarvis Christian Institute. She later studied in the School of Music at Western Reserve Cleveland, Ohio and Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

She is now a successful teacher in the state of Oklahoma and has had many little write ups in the community where she served.

This Pageant was presented at the school during Negro History Week. An unusually fine Cantata-Pagant will be presented at the local First Christian Church next Sunday, March 21, at 2:30 p.m. This is given for the benefit of the entire community, and all are urged to be in attendance.

Mrs. F. H. Harris, wife of the principal of the local Carver school is the composer of this Cantata-Pagant, which will be presented by the students of that school. The title of this Cantata-Pagant is: "The American Negro in Review." This was given some time ago at the Carver school, and so many praised it so highly that it was thought well to present it again, so that all might have the opportunity of hearing and seeing it; hence it will be given on next Sunday. It is for the benefit of the public. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS

Elder P. K. Alexander, Pastor
Mrs. Gertrude D. Hahn, Reporter
230 South Spring St.
Concord, N. C.

The Sunday School of the First Christian Church has made excellent progress this month, both financially and spiritually. The attendance has been larger also.

Every member cooperated very heartedly in the Easter offerings, hence made it a great success.

This month has topped all others with study working for Christ.

Superintendent, Mr. C. M. Wagoner, Secretary, Miss Lillie Byers.

During the month of April the Finance raised was as follows:

- Building Loan Fund, $14.01;
- Church, $140.28;
- Stewardess Club I, $193.91;
- Stewardess Club II, 13.15;
- Young Peoples Active Club, $4.50;
- Missionaries, $16.95;
- Bible School, $8.00;
- Christian Endeavor, $8.85;
- Total, $225.68.

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The Young People's Active Club's growth in attendance has been steadily increasing since its organization.

This month this club plans to organize a vocal chorus. We are hoping...
to have a great success, and so by doing we will gain others as inspirers than to become a part of us.

Miss Louise Wallace, President
Miss Lillie Byers, Secretary

The Stewardess Club No. 2 sponsored a Baby Contest, 10 babies entered the contest and three prizes were given.

Third prize—Carlynn Lee Douglas, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Harry Douglas.

Second prize—Worthy Brown, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Willie Brown.

First prize—Ruby Davis, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Clayton Davis.

"OLK KENTUCK"

By Elder E. H. Dickerson
340 Ohio St.
Lexington, Ky.

Our new minister and wife (Brother and Sister R. L. Sanders) are fitting in just like a kid glove. All departments are taking on new life with the coming of these talented people. They are now living in the parsonage just a few blocks from the Church.

The C.Y.F. led by Mr. A. C. Stone, Miss Odie Bell Lewis and other good helpers sponsored a great program. April 30th and realized over $100.00.

Our young friend Brother Frank Coleman, a "trainee", who lives at our house is a great helper in all church activities. He is a chip off of the old block, Elder Frank Coleman of Columbia, Missouri.

Last week we buried Brother James McKeo, a long time deacon and Sunday school superintendent. He was very faithful.

I am leaving some things in retirement. Let the brethren read the Book of James, you know James is the Job—Patience—of the New Testament, endurance is his slogan.

Thanks to all who remembered us Easter. I am writing a Brotherhood Book which will be ready for the National Convention.

The Pension Fund is the best investment for the preacher. Let the church help. If the church will not pay its part, let the preacher carry it all.

SHAW CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Elder Edward Griffin, Pastor
Mrs. E. M. Townsel, reporter

Shaw, Mississippi

Shaw Christian Church under the pastorate of Elder Edward Griffin is getting along fine, we have been looking forward for a great Revival sup-

posed to be sponsored by Eld. R. L. Peters, but disappointed so far, but we are hoping he will come later. Next thing we are planning to do is paint our church. We are getting along fine in getting up the paint money. We did celebrate National Convention Sunday, but I am going to send my dollar to Dr. J. E. Walker our Treasurer. We are also sending our Thanksgiving offering, $2.10; Broderhood Dinner offering, $3.35; and Easter offering $5.00 we are trying to do our part in everything that is asked for. We have lost two of our young men to the army, Theodore Nelmus son of Mr. and Mrs. Dock Nelmus, and Riley Boaker Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. Riley Booker.

Both these young men were faithful Christians in Shaw Christian Church. If they are as faithful in the army as they were in the church they will get along fine. When Bro. Booker Curtis. He asks to send him a Sunday School Quarterly this shows that he still got the church at heart.

Elder J. G. Keyes Passes

Carrie Griffin, May Francis, Linne, Walter and Johnson Keyes and a host of other relatives and friends are left to mourn his death. His place will be hard to fill. All know that Eld. J. G. Keyes was a wide awake man in the Christian work. Sleep on Elder Keyes your family have our sympathy.

The whole state will miss Elder J. G. Keyes. He was a man with a heart for the church. In time of the Convention they had to stretch the tent what a glorious meeting and would have.

Brother Giles Foster passed this life January 17 1943 he was born in Claiborne County at St. Elmo. He lived a faithful Christian life in the St. Elmo Christian Church for many years then he moved to Vicksburg there he served as deacon in the Vicksburg Christian Church. He moved to Bolivar County where he was a member of the Shaw Christian Curch. He served as deacon until his death. He leaves to mourn his death, a wife, eight children a sister one brother and a host of other relatives, and friends. Just before he passed he sang the song "Shall we gather at the river." We miss Brother Foster. His Heaven's gain and our lost.

MONEY TURNED OVER TO THE CHURCH TIMES TREASURY FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 1943

1. Elder John C. West, Tillman, Mississippi (3-1 yr. sub.) $2.50
2. Rev. E. Patterson, Box 293, Tazewell, North Carolina (1 yr.'s sub.) 1.00
3. Mrs. J. O. Bowles, 2024 Denison St., Little Rock, Ark. (2-6 mos. subs.) .91
4. Mrs. Corrine H. Chase, 1116 East 23rd St., Kansas City, Mo. (10-1 yr. subs.) $3.00
5. Elder T. R. Everett, Lexington, Ky. (3-1 yr. subs.) 1.50
6. Rev. R. L. Peters, Winston-Salem, N. C. (1 yr's sub.) cash 1.00
7. Mrs. G. C. Campbell, 2343 E. 82nd St., Cleveland, Ohio (7-1 yrs. sub.) 5.25
8. Mrs. Alma Cummings, 4109 Prairie Ave., Chicago, Ill. (11-1 yr. sub.) 11.00
9. Mrs. Alma Cummings, 4109 Prairie Ave., Chicago, Ill. (Bulk Pleas) cash .60
10. W. H. Taylor, 1702 Madison Ave., Balti-
more, Md. (1 yr. sub.) cash 1.00
11. W. H. Taylor, 1702 Madison Ave., Balti-
more, Md. (1-1 yr. sub.) 2.00
12. Mrs. Thelma Jackson, 763 Morton St., N. W., Washington, D. C. (Bulk Pleas) cash 2.00
13. Mrs. Lillian Barry, 323 N. College, Ox-
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$52.66
Dr. Peoples Resigns U. G. M. S. Post

June 17 1943

Rev. W. H. Taylor
President of the National
Christian Missionary Convention
1702 Madison Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Brother Taylor and Members
Of the National Convention:

This is to inform you that I am
handing in my resignation to the
National Christian Missionary Con-
vention and the United Christian Mis-
sionary Society to take effect Septem-
ber 30, 1943.

Mrs. Peoples and I have enjoyed
the work during the past eight years
and truly hope that we have been able
to make a contribution to the develop-
ment of the total program. It would
be a pleasure for us to continue, but
through the years we have felt the
need of a pastoral experience and
added training. I think the Second
Christian Church of Indianapolis, In-
diana, which has extended me the call
to serve as its minister offers op-
portunity for both.

It is our desire to remain faithful
servants to both the National Chris-
tian Missionary Convention and the
United Christian Missionary Society.
We hope you will always feel free to
call upon us to render any service
we can give. The Second Christian
Church by its past record and its of-
official vote expects us to do as much.
We will be serving in the confer-
ences and conventions this summer.

Sincerely,

R. H. Peoples

PRESIDENT TAYLOR SIGHTS
BROTHERHOOD NEEDS

Mr. Chairman and Friends,
It is an honor as well as a task
for me to speak to you on such an
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National Convention to report on the Cincinnati property and the Taylor Estate. This report to be presented at the 1943 National Convention.

VI. Ministers who promised to make a definite pledge for themselves and their churches toward the $5000 goal for 1943.

D. W. Heath 50.00
J. E. Blair 50.00
Jarvis College
Thomas Brooks 25.00
A. J. Jeffries 25.00
C. W. Arnold 50.00
M. C. Dickson 50.00
W. H. Taylor 25.00
G. W. Gore, Sr. 15.00
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VII. Prospective List of ministers to contact for definite pledges:

R. L. Saunders, 222 E. 2nd St., Lexington, Ky.
L. L. Dickerson, Covington, Kentucky.
E. L. Wilbert, Dayton, Ohio.
N. L. Lambert, Riedsville, N. C.
C. H. Webb, Winston-Salem, N. C.
G. E. Craggett, 6708 Belvidere, Cleveland, Ohio.
R. L. Peters, (Mrs. Martin will contact).
G. L. Whitfield, Baltimore, Maryland.
W. F. Whitfield, Washington, D. C.
H. E. Jackson, Paducah, Ky.
C. L. Parks, Dallas, Texas.
T. W. Pratt, Dallas, Texas.
L. H. Crawford, Dallas, Texas.
Blair T. Hunt, Memphis, Tenn.
J. E. Walker, Memphis, Tenn.
E. J. Dickerson, Jarvis College, Hawkins, Texas.
W. M. Banner, Memphis, Tenn.
Raymond Walton, Louisville, Kentucky.
J. A. Swazie, Memphis, Tenn.
S. S. Myers, 2400 Pasco, Kansas City, Mo.
H. L. Poston, 750 Everett St., Kansas City, Kansas.
G. E. Lakes, Parsons, Kansas.
J. J. Hawkins, Des Moines, Iowa.

E. T. Barnett, Cleveland, Ohio.
Prince A. Grey, 4200 Cote Brillard St., St. Louis.
H. D. Griffin Hannival, Broad Street Christian Church.

VIII. It was recommended that a resolution be drawn up expressing appreciation to the Tennessee Christian Missionary Society, Lea Ave., Gay St., and Almeta Street Christian Churches and Mrs. Preston Taylor for the support and entertainment of the Institute.

IX. Suggestions recommended for 1944 Institute.

1. That Institute close on Friday night—details to be worked out by Director Dean and other leaders.
2. That Pres. P. C. Washington teach course on "Post War Planning."
3. That a course be offered on Organizational Pattern and Operation of U.C.M.S.
4. That a secretary be employed to carry secretarial load of Institute.

Carnella L. Jamison, Secretary of Findings Report

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PRESIDENT TAYLOR SIGHTS BROTHERHOOD NEEDS

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important subject, "The Needs of the Colored Brotherhood."
A lady said to a preacher one day after he had finished his sermon, "One thing I noticed about you while preaching, you are not two faced."
The minister replied, "I try to be honest and straightforward.""O I don't mean that, I mean your natural face, if you were two faced you should use your other one when preaching."
If we were two faced, I would use my other one tonight, because it brings sorrow to my heart and tears to my eyes when I think of the needs of the Colored Disciples.
In the 40th Psalm and the 17th verse are these words:
"I am poor and needy, yet the Lord thinketh upon me, Thou art my help and my deliverer, make no tarrying, O my God."
The Colored and White Disciples of Christ need to restudy and live according to the parable that the Lord Jesus taught concerning the Samaritans.
The man in need anywhere in the world, let it be in China, Japan, India, Africa, America or in the Isles of the Sea, is a man made in God's image and if you shut your bowels of compassion against his needs, how can you claim that the love of God dwells in your heart?
It is right to love those who love us, and do good to those who do good to us; but if we do no more than that, what reward can we expect? For publicans and sinners do that much.
A little girl lived with her grand mother and they were in need. There were schools, colleges and universities, orphan homes, and homes for the aged, but none for them because they were colored. The little girl had heard of Jesus and that He was a very present help in time of need. She said to her grandmother, "Let's write a letter to Jesus and tell Him of our needs." The letter was put in the mail box. It was advertised in the paper. A letter addressed to Jesus Christ and if Christ will call at the post office He can have His mail. A good woman read the notice and she went to the post office for the letter. She was told that she was not Jesus Christ and she could not get His mail. She said, "I know that I am not Jesus Christ but I am one of His disciples and he left His business in my hands to look after the welfare of those in need."
As Christians or Disciples of Christ we need to love one another regardless of race or color. This is my commandment that ye love one another. Love thy neighbor as thyself. This shall men know that ye are my disciples if ye love one another. The apostle John says, "Beloved let us love one another, for love is of God, and every one thatloveth is begotten of God and knows God. He that loveth not knoweth not God, for God is love."
We need to see Jesus. Jesus Christ tasted death for every man. He gave His life a ransom for all. He is concerned about their welfare. He is not willing that any of His children should perish or be in need.
If we would walk in the steps of the Samaritan we will give of our means, and do all in our power to supply the needs of those in distress. If we condemn the priest and the Levite, we must avoid their course; otherwise we will condemn ourselves. If we admire the Samaritan, we must follow his example and show love to all in need without partiality.
The wounded man on the Jericho Road needed what the Samaritan had, and the Samaritan made a sacrifice; he walked that his brother in need might ride.
The National Convention of Colored Disciples of Christ does not ask any organization or board to walk and let us ride, we only ask that you share the beast so both of us might ride.
We need the cooperation of our white brethren and they need ours. Some body said that you need both the black and white keys on a piano to bring out the swee' music in the instrument. Some seem to think that...
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one color of keys can make enough music.
The National Convention of Colored Disciples of Christ desires and needs to work shoulder to shoulder with the U.C.M.S. and all of its Boards.
Shoulder to shoulder is a suggestion both of unity and strength. The word shoulder to shoulder enables us to visualize an army of trained and dependable men, united for decisive action.

Service to the least is the thought of the men who stand shoulder to shoulder. Some may fall but others fight on. Stephen fell on the battle field of faith, but the rest of the apostles fought on. Paul and Timothy worked shoulder to shoulder and Paul fell on the battle field of faith, and while he was falling he told Timothy to fight on. "Fight on my soul till death, shall bring thee to thy God; He will take thee at thy parting breath, to his divine abode."

We find the needs of the Colored Disciples the same as they were when the late Preston Taylor delivered his first message to the first National Convention more than 26 years ago here in the city of Nashville and somewhat worse.

Sometime ago we had 4 or 5 National field workers, National and State evangelists, we had Louisville Bible School, Piedmont in Virginia. Now we only have two—S.C.I. and Jarvis. Instead of increasing we have decreased. Instead of going forward we have gone backward. Our two schools are located in sections of the country, according to my way of thinking, that do not appeal to the colored youth of today who have had a taste of democracy.

We need a school owned and operated by the National Convention of Colored Disciples of Christ. It is not that we advocate separation but because separation is forced upon us we feel that we know the needs of our people better because we eat, sleep, live, preach, worship and travel and socialize together.

We need faith in ourselves and ask our good white friends and God to help supply our needs.

Two little colored boys were at the railroad station when the train rolled up. One said to the other "Don't you wish you were white so you could run a train?" The other said, "If that white man would only give me a chance I could run it as black as I am."

The Colored Disciples of Christ have been told over and over again that the time is not ripe for us to help run the train or have anything to say as to how it should go. I have eaten some mighty good green apple pies and the apples were far from being ripe.

You talk about what we need, as the late Burt Williams would say: "We need everything, from a hat down to an overcoat in."

We need men who are not afraid of losing popularity and friends when they know they are right.

We need men who are not afraid to preach John 3:5 which says, "Except a man is born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God."

We need men who are not afraid to preach 1 Cor. 3:11 which says "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid which is Jesus Christ."

We need men who are not beggars, but will roll up their sleeves and work for what they need.

We need a National Convention that is strong enough to bear some of the financial burdens of this Minister's Institute.

We need a National Convention strong enough to support the Christian Plea.

We need a National Convention strong enough to aid congregations in distress.

We need a National Convention strong enough to put National Evangelists on the field that they might open up closed church doors among us.

We need a National Convention strong enough to make an annual donation to the U.C.M.S. for worldwide missions.

When I think of what we need, I am forced to cry out in the language of David: "I am poor and needy, yet the Lord thinketh upon me, thou art my help and my deliverer, make no tarrying, O my God."

THE NEGRO'S PART IN THE POST WAR PERIOD

By President P. C. Washington, Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas

Today, we are in a great war. The entire world is unsettled. Nations are fighting each other. Men are dying. Women and children are not exempt in this great catastrophe. We know that the results of this great conflict will be far-reaching and the end therefore is unpredictable.

When it comes to the American Negro, much has been said about his rights, his privileges, and his future status. This will be a vital discussion for some time to come. But we must remember that the Negro will be the determining factor to his final destiny. His attitudes, his training, his moral and spiritual outlook on life will indicate his rise and the contribution he will make to American life in the post-war age.

Whether this present conflict will be the end for all wars for a decade, a century, or a thousand years no one knows, but unless such destruction and degradation cease for a period with sufficient length to permit mankind to rebuild his environment socially, spiritually, educationally, and economically, there is little hope for the use of the Negro or any other group to a useful position where that race or group may be able to contribute to the general welfare of the human race.

It is a historical fact that the Negro of Africa had a glorious civilization but through effects of wars and tribal entanglement, he lost it and paved the way for slavery and pre-domination by the white man. This was not a strange incident; it was simply a happening in keeping with the rise and decline of kingdoms and political units down through the ages. Slavery doomed the lot of the American Negro to a period of hard labor with heavy burdens laid upon him by his taskmasters. However, in due time, freedom came, but he found himself faced with enemies more powerful and more dreadful than slavery, such as race hatred, antago-nism, and bitterness. These were some of the crosses that the Negro had to bear and is bearing, but thanks to the God of Peace, Love and Justice, that the Negro has arrived at the present stage in his development without vindictiveness.

In order to become a potent factor in the post-war world, the Negro must lay a strong economic foundation. No group is going to be able to contribute to the future growth of humanity who has nothing to offer economically to this end. The Negro must begin economizing now in order to be prepared to cope with the post-war needs.

Economically, the Negro must be up and going if he is to contribute to certain pressing needs of a new order and take his rightful place in that order as one prepared and qualified to do his duty.

The Negro must play his part in spite of the fact that many governmental regulations might not be for the best interest of the Negro. The N.R.A. demonstrated this fact rather conclusively. It failed to raise the purchasing power of any large group of Negroes; hence, the whole race was seriously handicapped. It intensified racial antagonism through competition at a time when this antagonism was very harmful. The number of jobs for Negroes decreased and left many Negroes who had been emp-

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

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ALL NEWS MUST BE IN BY SEVENTH OF EACH MONTH

THE CHRISTIAN'S ARMOR IN WAR DAYS
By Elder James K. Dickerson
Bluefield, West Virginia
(Eph. 6:11-18)

In these war torn days when everything is considered in the light of its importance to the national war effort, I am thinking of the armor of the every day Christian Saint. I am wondering if the Christian's armor is such that the trials and tests of these days may not find entrance through it. I am wondering if the Christian continues to hold for himself that high degree of eminence for which he was designed. The Christian life is a warfare and he who goes forth to battle must be prepared or he will find himself seriously handicapped in fighting the battles against sin and Satan. In other words he must have on the "whole armor of God."

In the sixth chapter of Ephesians beginning with the eleventh verse, the Apostle Paul uses the armor of a Roman soldier to describe the Christian's armor. He first says, "Having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness." Truth and righteousness are the first great essentials in Christian living. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free," says Christ. Hypocrisy is of no value in fighting the spiritual battles of life. Next, the Apostle says, "And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace." The "feet" and "gospel" are connected elsewhere in the scriptures (Isa. 52:7) and show that the gospel or "good tidings," are to be carried to all peoples and nations. It should be the desire of every Christian to help spread the gospel of Christ. Next, the writer says, "And take the sword of the spirit" (which is the word of God). This is an important part of the Christian's armor. Every Christian should acquaint himself with it. "Study to show thyself approved unto God." Finally the writer says, "Praying always". We must keep in touch with our great general through prayer. Let us pray prayers of faith and repentance. Let us pray the Lord's prayer more, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

In giving the parable of the ten virgins, Christ likens the Christian character to a flame or lamp kindled within us by the spirit of God and meant to shine forth from us so that men might see it and glorify our Father in heaven. Are we as Christians keeping our lights shining out brightly in these war torn days? If our lamps are going out, we should arise and trim them for the midnight hour is at hand. Even in these days when there is no peace nor rest, and when the claims of Christ are everywhere undervalued, we can still hear the voice of our Savior ringing down through the ages, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."

CHAPLAIN TRUSCOTT WRITES FROM AFRICA

Dear Readers of The Christian Plea,

I have been located in North Africa for several months and have been doing just fine. I had expected of hearing of some of the Disciples other than those of whom I pastored.

I am pretty sure that most of you are very busy in your church work. Well in a time like this when the world needs us most, we could hardly think of being any other way but busy.

Last week Chaplain Charles C. Walker and I went for a five day rest here somewhere in North Africa. We left by transport plane at 8:30 one morning, arriving at our destination on due schedule. The plane made one stop. The distance round trip is about seven hundred miles.

The most we did after arriving at our hotel room was to eat and sleep. We took some recreation by tennis playing, riding bicycles, playing indoor games and walking over the city. On last Thursday evening we went on a site seeing tour about fifty miles from our rest camp. We went to an Arabian village which is supposed to be about four thousand years old. The city has very high walls, I suppose about twenty feet high and about six or eight feet thick. The entire city was walled in. The province was once ruled by a Pasha who had a very beautiful palace there. We went through the palace and up many winding stairways and through the large number of rooms in which he was supposed to have kept his many hundred wives. The French now have this place in control. The city is beautiful but very ancient. The people seem to be four thousand years behind time. They have the old fashion spinning wheels, many shoe factories where shoes are all hand-made. They weave cloth and produce nearly everything they use. It seems that children from four years up were working in these shops. The shops and stores are made into one solid room with no windows and no lights. Most of the natives are in bare feet with regular native costume.
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We found also that cooked food was being sold there but one could hardly see the food for the flies and the dust. The majority of the children seem to be broken out with sores and diseases. There were also many jewelry stores which seem to have been inherited from many generations. Most of it was the regular native jewelry that they use around their legs and their neck.

I am very sorry that space will not permit me to say something about the fine art. We ate dinner in the palace. It consisted of fish, baked mutton, and fresh vegetables and sauce, bread and dessert.

I would appreciate very much hearing from the Disciples.

As ever yours in His Name,
Chaplain Truscott

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ployed unemployed when as a matter of fact their economic condition was very poor. The matter of getting new jobs was almost a thing of the past; the Negroes became insecure in the jobs they already had. This indicates that a law may have a good purpose, but the results may be detrimental to certain persons. In spite of all this, the Negro must be prepared to live economically better in the post-war world than he lived in the day of the last so-called depression.

No one can live the type of life he should live or make the contribution he should make unless he has some economic security. It is at this point that the Negro should direct his major energy. He should seek to fortify himself against insecurity by seeking to earn a fair wage and use his income to lay a foundation on which to stand economically when the dark days of a possible depression overtake him in the post-war world. For many reasons, it may be easier to say this than it is to actually put it into operation, but the determination must remain and a desire must be within the Negro to reach the highest possible economical level.

The Negro cannot wait to be given every opportunity he needs. He must make opportunities and find ways to improve his whole economic status.

In this hard cold world of reality, it is nothing new for the Negro to find some doors closed in his face and at the same time face racial discriminations. These have been, they are, and they will be in the post-war world, but the Negro must get off the stool of "do nothing" and criticism and stop fanning the smoldering embers of discontent and begin to use his head and save some of his money for better use for self and others.

In short, the Negro in the post war world must be an economist of no mean ability.

We are living in the world's greatest age, and in the world's greatest country; therefore, we have the greatest opportunity and responsibility to direct, lead, and guide the nations of the earth to peace.

To do this, we must have an education that is elevating which will fit the Negro for real service in the new order. He must enter this new order with a type of education whose goals are stepping stones to higher and more prolific goals.

We are cognizant of the fact that the whole era of Negro education and his accomplishments in the field of religion are staggering under the influence of past leadership which was very limited as to training and ideals and whose outlook was blinded and handicapped by past history. "Uncle Tom's Cabin" by Harriet Beecher Stowe is a fitting revelation of the educational and religious limitation of the past. As we think further on the nature and scope of the Negro's work in our brotherhood as to how it should fit into the great national training program, I advise you to read "Uncle Tom's Children" by Richard Wright, and observe the struggles they had and are having today as they attempt to reach greater heights of peace, happiness, and enlightenment.

The Negro must have a desire to develop a philosophy of education that will make him want to become an important factor in the establishment of an educational system that will bring his social environment into harmony with the laws of the universal power of all goodness. Such a system will recognize man's economic needs, his social needs, his spiritual needs, and the necessity of fitting into the general pattern of ethical character according to the teachings of the Man of Galilee.

It is not enough to have a knowledge of the great academic subjects that one observes in a college or university curriculum, but he must look to a type of education that will work in a practical world meeting the needs of humanity on an increasingly larger scale of usefulness.

In the post-war world, the Negro must couple his education with his religious ideals. Education and religion make men the most outstanding being of all creation and a power in any community. These qualities are necessary in order to carry on the work of the new order with efficiency and dignity to ever ascending heights of achievement.

It will be necessary for the Negro as well as other groups to use his reserve power when it comes to the solution of the problems of the post-war world. The Negro must take his place as an economist, an educator, and a spiritual adviser. In this capacity, he can contribute to a better world order; an order in which democracy will come to all human beings and every person will have a right and an opportunity to develop and enjoy to the fullest extent the fruits of the four freedoms.

It is my duty and privilege to advance economically, socially, mentally, and spiritually into ever-widening circles of service, but as I advance, if I am logical, I must reach a hand to a struggling brother and give him a chance to advance and fulfill the needs of humanity.

This present conflict is making it possible for a larger group of Negroes to have more money than they would have under ordinary conditions, but at the same time something is happening within. Their social and spiritual ideals are being shattered; therefore, they must have unusual training and unusual opportunities that will make it possible to overcome this situation and live in the post war world as citizens of a high order.

The disciples' churches will need a well trained leadership—persons who are consecrated, sincere, and earnest in their attempt to produce leadership material and a following for a race that has always stood for democracy and has served this country so wonderfully. As disciples, it is our duty to train ministers, train young people for the teaching profession, and leaders in every phase of life's activity. We want these persons to be well trained but able to engage in their activities with a religious dignity. In short, we must think in terms of human creation of a higher order. Man has been creating devils, crooks, robbers, thieves, murderers, and idol gods. It is now time to enter the field of creation for goodness and purity so that humanity will shine with peace and righteousness in the post war world.

This is the goal toward which the Negro must work. This is his challenge. To meet it he must reach ever-mounting goals of high moral and spiritual achievement.

The Negro leader of the post war world must put increasing emphasis on the righteousness of the poor. These can not always be trampled under foot, neither should the Negro continue turning toward a demoralized form of politics in an attempt to approach justice. His position must be based on a program of dynamic efficient training.

As disciples, and especially as Ne-
The Avalon Community Center Board of Directors has called Cleo Blackburn, of the Flanner House in Indianapolis, to give a month's special service to this project. Following his service, it is hoped that his Assistant at the Flanner House will be able to give direction over a longer period. The Friends Service group will send a number of young men and women into the Avalon Community Center to rehabilitate the building and add equipment, putting the Center in shape for a continuous contribution to that important community. The Toy Loan Library and the nursery are in full operation and certain classes are being held on Saturday.

The great need at the present moment is a permanent Director of boys' and girls' work. Negroes are coming into Los Angeles at the rate of one thousand a month and there has been an increase estimated at from 35,000 to 85,000 in the total Negro population since the war. The spread seems to be up toward "Little Tokyo," evacuation area. There were 25,000 Negroes in the total Negro population in Los Angeles as of March, 1942, and there are 85,000 Negroes there today. The demand for their own livelihood.

The church cannot progress without money, and in order to get this money, ninety nine and one half percent of our pastors beg for it in the pulpits, the officers of the church beg for it, and the women of the church put on dinners, give teas, sell chances, and ask for donations just to keep the church going. Such procedure is unnecessary and undignified, but who is to blame for this state of affairs? The answer is the pastors and officers of the church for not educating their respective congregations in the support of the church, but regardless of how much teaching we try to give there will be a few dead heads who will never give, then why not do as other organizations, have the officers turn them out? I can already hear the cry of "Radical!" and the old saying "Religion is free," and that such a thing must never happen. I agree that religion is as free as the water we drink from our kitchen faucets. When we pay our water bill we are not paying so much for the water we used as we do for having it piped to our homes; and so it is with religion, we are not paying for it but to have "Learned and Inspired" men bring us the true gospel, and the upkeep of our building. If these dead heads buy (and most of them do) unnecessary things for themselves and don't give to the church, they are going to hell anyway so why would their blood be on the officer's hands who might throw them out of church?

There is an ideal way of giving and it is found in Mal. 3:8, 9, 10. But I will not print it here for fear of frightening some of our church members out of the church so I will try to give another plan that will work and still keep the members in church.

My whole aim for a plan for a worth-while offering is to make the church a place of respect by all men instead of a (Begging Institution).

We will use for example a church that has (300) three hundred members that are able to work and provide for their own livelihood.

Each Sunday each of these members will give (50 cents) and since there are 52 Sundays in each year that would amount to $750.00 in one year, quite a sum of money is it not? Now this does not mean to just give on the Sundays that you attend church but it means to see that you give every Sunday that you attend and God, much quicker than we can really have time to do work for God instead of just for the church. Now let us work for God, since we don't have to spend all of our time begging for the church. Get your Bible, go among those who never go to church—tell them about the love of God and his willingness to forgive sin. When on one of these tours and you find a person or a family in need of earthly goods report this condition to the church and by aiding people in this way we can make the unbelieving man have more faith in the church and God, much quicker than we can by begging on street corners.

If a young man could safely feel that he could marry and lead a normal life like other men and provide for a family, instead of having to skimp along on what extra change we can make the unbelieving family get-together we would be able to do so without having to beg for this and that and without working our poor sisters to death.

You are no doubt thinking by now that if such a delightful thing were to take place in the churches that there wouldn't be any more church work to be done by the faithful members of the church, but there is where you are wrong, because then we would really have time to do work for God instead of just for the church. Now let us work for God, since we don't have to spend all of our time begging for the church.
NEGO DISCIPLE CONVENTION DATES 1943

1. Kansas—July 1-4
   Place, Atchison
   President, William Brown, 1218 Lane St., Topeka

2. Kentucky—July 20-25
   Place, Covington
   President, L. Dickerson, Apt. 59, Jacob Price Homes, Covington.

3. Tennessee—July 22-25
   Place, Waverly
   President, D. W. Bradley, Rogersville.

4. Missouri—July 28-Aug. 1
   Place, Vandalia
   President, R. S. Myers, 2400 Paseo, Kansas City, Mo.

5. Ohio—July 28-Aug. 1
   Place, Warren
   President E. W. Wilbert, 214 Sprague St., Dayton, Ohio.

6. Arkansas—August 4-8
   Place
   President, B. H. Armstrong, Scotts, Arkansas.

7. Texas—August 2-8
   Place, Greenville
   President, I. Q. Hurdle, 1116 E. 12th St., Austin, Texas.

8. Oklahoma—August 4-8
   Place, Chickasha
   President, R. L. Sereny, 1129 N. 6th, Oklahoma City.

9. Piedmont District—August 4-8
   Place, Martinsville (Va., W. Va., N.C.)
   President, A. A. Terrell, N. C. State Teachers College, Winston-Salem, N.C.

10. Oklahoma—August 4-8
    Place, Oklahoma City
    President, W. H. Peoples, 222 Downey Ave., Oklahoma City.

11. Tri-State—August 4-8
    Place, Concord, N.C. (Va., N.C.)
    President, Rev. Eugene Patterson, N. S., Taos, Va.

12. Mississippi—August 11-15
    Place, College Addition, Jackson, Miss.
    President, N. R. Trevillion, Fort Gibson

13. Alabama—
    Place
    President, Rev. Frank Lewis, 608 Thurm. Montgomery, Ala.

    Place, Columbus, Ohio
    President, Wm. (Baltimore) Taylor, 1732 Madison Ave., Baltimore, Md.

15. Georgia—October 21-24
    Place
    President, H. J. Johnson, H. R. 3, Box 156, Valdosta.

16. South Carolina—October 6-10
    Place, Popular Baptist Church, Ridgeville
    President, R. H. Boyd, Ellenton, S.C.

17. Florida—November
    Place
    President

18. Kentucky
    Place
    President, R. E. Hancock, 628 Hancock St., Brookly, N.Y.

19. Maryland
    Place
    President, W. H. Taylor, 1702 Madison Ave., Baltimore, Md.

MONEY TURNED OVER TO THE CHRISTIAN PLEA TREASURER FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 1943

1. Mr. E. C. Williams, 1219 E. 17th St., Winston-Salem, N.C. (6-1 yr. subs.) $6.00
2. Mrs. J. M. Haygood, 1210 Ave., N., Birmingham, Ala. 11.00
3. Elder W. H. Taylor, 1702 Madison Baltimore, Md. (3-1 yr. subs.) 3.00
4. Elder C. W. Arnold, 240 N. Monroe Ave., Columbus, O. (Donation) 5.00
5. Elder R. H. Davis, 218 E. 44th St., Chicago, Il. (Donation) 1.00
6. Mrs. Gertrude Hahn, 230 E. Spring St., Concord, N.C. (1 subs.-15 Pies) 2.00
7. I. J. Franklin, Port Gibson, Miss. (2 yrs. Minister subs.) 1.00
8. J. E. Quarles, 903 Fulton St., Painesville, Texas (6-1 yr. subs.) 7.00
9. Mrs. Alma P. Cummings, 4109 Prairie Ave., Chicago, Ill. (2-1 yr. subs.) 2.00
10. Ned Murray, Jr., 1148 Canal Ave., S.E. Warren, O. (6-1 yr. subs.) 3.75
11. Rev. J. L. Dickerson, R. No. 2, Oxford, O. (1 yr. sub., 1 delinquent yr.) 2.00
12. Mrs. J. O. Bowles, Little Rock, Ark. (1 yr. sub., Rev. J. W. Farber) 0.41
13. Chaplain R. W. Moore, Myrtle Beach Bombing Range, Myrtle Beach, S.C. (2 yr. subs.) 2.00
14. Rev. Joseph Ephriam, 15 Denaue Place, Charleston, S.C. (1 yr. sub.) 0.50
15. Rev. N. J. Dickerson, Blufield, W. Va. (20 Pies) 2.00
16. Rev. R. L. Peters, 614 Hickory St., Winston-Salem, N.C. (2-1 yr. subs.) 2.00
17. J. M. Washington, Star Route, Box 20, Lyons, Texas (1 yr. sub.) 1.00
18. Mrs. Bertha Hazel, Boley, Okla. (1 yr. sub.) 1.00
19. Elder C. H. Arnold, Monroe Ave. Christian Church (Donation) 7.00
20. Rev. R. H. Peoples, 222 Downey Ave., Indianapolis, Ind. 30.00

PROGRAM OF THE TEXAS CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION
To be held with
CLARK ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Greenville, Texas
August 4-8, 1943
I. Q. Hurdle, President

Theme: "Advance by Rebuilding"
Tuesday, August 3 through Wednesday Morning, August 4, Ministers' Conference.

Wednesday, August 4
7:00-8:00 Conference, Breakfast
8:00-9:00 Conference Periods by Departments
9:00 General Assembly. President's Annual Message
9:30 Reports—(a) District Evangelists 1-2-3-4-5-6
(b) Church Reports (c) Special Reports

Thursday, August 5
7:00-8:00 Conference, Breakfast
8:00-9:00 Conference Periods by Departments
9:00 General Assembly. President's Annual Message
9:30 Reports—(a) District Evangelists 1-2-3-4-5-6
(b) Church Reports (c) Special Reports
11:45 Devotion Period. Sermon by Rev. E. B. Washington

Thursday, August 5
2:00 P.M.—Women's Department, Mrs. Arah E. Garrett, President, Presenting Continuing through Friday Morning, Aug. 4.
2:00 P.M.—Special Guests are Official and Associated with him are the United Christian Missionary Society and National Convention Disciples of Christ, and others.

follow in succession as named above, concluding at Noon Saturday, Aug. 7.

Saturday, August 7
2:00 P.M.—Business Session—All Elections. Election of Convention Officers, Unfinished Business
8:00 P.M. Young People's Program

Sunday, August 8
9:30 A.M.—Model Sunday School conducted by Prof. T. W. Pratt
11:30 Devotion. Music by Center Point Choir. Sermon by Dean W. O. Gill.
12:30 Communion Service
6:00 P.M.—Y.P.S.C.E. Period: Prof. E. M. Hurdle, Directing.
8:30 P.M.—Devotion led by Adult Group. Music by Clark Street Choir, Sermon by Rev. O. Zollar, Benediction

All Delegates Register with $3.00 which pays for Enrollment fees and meals. We advise that you travel by train or automobile.

If any choir will volunteer for convention music, we shall be glad to have you appear at your presence in the convention.

We especially invite Singing groups to appear Sunday evening from 5:00 to 6:00. Special program will be arranged. Please notify us by August 7th, if your group will appear at that hour.

All ministers are requested to attend the Conference August 3-4. Rev. C. L. Parks is chairman of the group and associated with him are the School of Religion officials of Jarvis Christian College.

Convention Special Guests are Officials and Representatives of the United Christian Missionary Society and National Convention Disciples of Christ, and others.

SUBSCRIBE to the CHRISTIAN PLEA AT ONCE
NEWS of the BROTHERHOOD

MY VISIT TO THE PIEDMONT AND TRI-STATE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor

The churches of North Carolina have on a Building and Remodeling Program and they are doing a fine job. Tuesday, May 18th, we preached at the First Christian Church of Piedville, N. C., of which Elder M. L. Lambert is pastor. Under the leadership of Elder Lambert the congregation built a magnificent building which is a credit to the city and the Disciples of Christ everywhere. They also have a beautiful parsonage. The church donated $3.10 for the president's travel and other expenses and promised $1.00 per member to the National Convention. Wednesday 19th we were at the Cleveland Avenue Christian Church of Winston-Salem, the congregation in which I was baptized. Elder C. H. Webb is pastor. Elder Webb went to this church the first of the year and is doing a fine job. The church building has been redecorated and under his leadership the building will soon be complete. The church donated $7.63 for the president's travel and expenses and promised $1.00 per member to the National Treasurer and at least 25 subscriptions for the Christian Plea. Thursday 20th, we preached at the Spencer Memorial Christian Church of which our National Evangelist “Back to the Book” R. L. Peters is pastor. It was Elder Peters who baptized me into Christ some years ago and it was an honor for me to be in his pulpit. Four dollars and twenty cents was donated to the president's travel and expenses. The church promised to send $1.00 per member to the National Treasurer and send subscriptions to the Christian Plea. Friday 21st, we were with the Middle Fork Christian Church. The Middle Fork Church is very near and dear to me. It was there I preached my first sermon and held my first pastorage. The present pastor for this church was a little boy whom I baptized among my first candidates. His name is Elder G. W. Rolan. Elder Rolan is doing a fine job. They have purchased a fine lot to rebuild as soon as conditions permit. The church donated $5.00 for president's travel and expenses and promised to send $1.00 per member to National Treasurer and subscription to the Christian Plea. Saturday 22nd, we visited the Mt. Pleasant Christian Church of Greensboro, N. C. of which Elder P. E. Carter is pastor. This congregation under the leadership of Elder Carter has about completed its new church building and I predicted a great future for him. While in North Carolina I went to Durham, my home town, to see relatives and friends. Brethren pray for me.

Your friend,

W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor

Dear Pastor or Church-Worker:

Do you want a National Convention that is financially strong? Strong enough to give aid to congregations in distress, strong enough to make an annual donation of appreciation to our aged ministers and their widows for the service they have rendered; strong enough to adequately support the Christian Plea and make it the paper it should be; strong enough to support two or more National Evangelists on the field, so that they might go from place to place, and build congregations, as our fathers did; strong enough to help worthy young men to prepare themselves for the ministry; strong enough to open closed church doors, and assist in paying the preacher's salary, if need be. Strong enough to make an annual donation to the United Christian Missionary Society for World Missions, S. C. I., and Jarvis College. “Actions speak louder than words.” Please act if you want a financially strong National Convention. Send your dollar and urge all members of your congregation to send one dollar per member to Dr. J. E. Walker, National Treasurer, 234 Hernando Street, Memphis, Tennessee.

Let's raise $5000.00 by the time the National Convention meets in Columbus August 17th, 1943. Your dollar will help.

The victory may depend on you. Your friend,

W. H. Taylor, President

MT. STERLING, KY. NOTES

The Editor of the Christian Plea, Prof. Merl R. Eppee, Head of Department of History, A. and I. State College, Nashville, Tenn., delivered the commencement address at the graduating class of DuBois High School, Mt. Sterling, Ky. Subject “Negroes in the World of Tomorrow.” Twelve seniors and seven eighth grade pupils received diplomas and certificates.

The auditorium was crowded and the Board of Education, the faculty, the class and the audience were thrilled with the message as the speaker so ably pointed out and painted the picture of the duties, preparations and behavior of “Negroes in the World of Tomorrow.” The occasion was one that will long be remembered in Mt. Sterling. Following was the program.

Processional

Music

Invocation Rev. J. E. Blair

Music

Class Presentation J. E. Bean

Presentation of Diplomas Supt. Duke Young

Recessional

Prof. J. E. Bean and Rev. J. E. Blair are planning to attend the Institute at the Tennessee A. & I. State College, Nashville, Tenn.

The High Street Christian Church with its various departments has a full program working right up to the conventions state and national. Not less than thirteen young people are planning to attend the Youth's Conference which will be held at the Kentucky State College at Frankfort July 4th. Their organization is working hard and a number of activities are dated in their planning for this great event. Sister Owens of Winchester and Sister Mary Butler of North Middletown met with the District Committee at the home of Sister Susie Lee Elster to formulate its program. The State Convention which meets at Covington is claiming much attention throughout the brotherhood. The pastor of Robin St. Christian Church, State President, his good wife, members and friends at Covington are very busy making preparations for the occasion and are loudly proclaiming that all things will be ready, so the spirit of on to Covington should prevail among the workers and supporters of this great cause.

District No. 6 holds its last meeting before the State Convention which convenes here at the High St. Church, Saturday and Sunday, June 12-13, 1943. The Church Department, Bible Schools, Women's Missionary and Christian Endeavor Societies will all participate in winding up the years' work and planning for the incoming convention year. A large attendance is expected and the following program is the order.

JUNE, 1943
CHRI STIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP NATIONAL CONVENTION PROGRAM
August 17-22, 1943
Columbus, Ohio
Theme: "Lift Christ Now."

Objectives:
1. To make young people aware of the problems that cause sore spots in society.
2. To make young people conscious of the forces in the community that are working creatively to heal these wounds.
3. To help young people commit themselves to their Christian responsibility and to so discipline their lives that they live up to their commitment.

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY
The Problem of Study for the Four Sessions

Daily Schedule
Wednesday
1. Causes for juvenile problems.
Social Worker
2. The methods of the Court in dealing with the crimes of young people.
Juvenile Court Representative.
3. The program of the Detention Home.
Home Representative.
Discussion.

Thursday
Visitations
1. Slum areas.
2. Juvenile Court.
3. Detention Home.
4. Y. M. C. A.
5. Housing Project.
The group will be divided into three sections to visit one of the first three institutions and all groups will visit the last two.

Friday
Mr. John Eubanks, leader.
2. Planning a definite program for local communities represented in the group.
3. Check on plans for consecration service.

Saturday
1. Finish developing the program for local communities.
2. Rehearse the panel.

4. Unfinished business.
Saturday Night
Convention Consecration—"Lift Christ Now."

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The C. Y. F. is planning all the worship services for the convention again this year.

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Foster Cragget
Evelyn Dunn )—Co-Presidents
Myrtle Daniels (deceased) Secretary
E. Conetta Hairston, Corr. Secretary
W. K. Fox, Treasurer

808 Dennison Avenue
Dayton, Ohio
May 21, 1943.

Dear Mr. Peoples:

Your letter was received and I want to say, that you can depend on the Norwood Bible School for its final gift before June 30th.

I have been trying to write you before now to tell you of our wonderful success on Easter Sunday. I had a goal set for attendance on that day of one hundred and we had one hundred and three (103) and twenty-four dollars and fifty cents ($24.50), with one confession. Last night was Thursday—"Workers Conference," instead of having a regular meeting, I had it as a "Family Night," and the children were invited. First we had our Worship service, then reports of our work. Each class with their teacher gave a presentation, also showed their hand work. Afterwards we explained and showed to the parents what we were trying to do. Then expression came from them. At the close we had a fellowship period. You see what I am trying to do is to have something different. So that the church as a whole will see what we are doing.

Now, for "Children's Day," we are planning a program with the children and their parents taking part. The young people will take full charge.

Mr. Peoples, I have tried to tell you of some of the things I have done and am trying to do. So if you have any suggestion to offer me or criticisms please write me, I will appreciate it.

Very truly yours,
Christina Johnson, Supt.

Mrs. Sarah L. Bostic of North Little Rock, Arkansas, writes that she has not been in the best of health for sometime but she was somewhat improved at the time of writing the letter.

R. H. Peoples.

STILL INTERESTED IN THE ARKANSAS STATE WORK REPORTS ON MINISTERS

Mrs. Bostic regrets that they do not have more ministers but praises the ones they do have. B. H. Armstrong is serving the Oak Grove Church at Scott. T. R. Moore, of North Little Rock, is serving the Mt. Sinai Church of North Little Rock and the Pea Ridge Church at Kerr. R. F. Hayes, of Little Rock, is serving the Second Christian Church in Little Rock and the Wrightville Church. J. O. Bowles, who recently was graduated from the Philander Smith College, is the minister at the Cross Street Church in Little Rock. In addition to the men serving the churches named, there are three other ordained ministers: John Martin of Little Rock, who was graduated from S.C.I.; Haywood Armstrong of Scott, who was graduated from Jarvis Christian College; and L. B. Facen, who is serving as superintendent of the Cross Street Sunday School and who was recently ordained to the ministry.

The Real Need is for an Evangelist

The real need is for an evangelist to cultivate the field. Once we had seventeen active churches in the state. Now we hardly have more than seven. At that time we had seventeen active ministers.

Our prayer is that the Word of God may reach the nations and that peace may be declared, that His will may be done on the earth as it is in heaven.

MORGAN AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

G. E. Lakes, Minister
2317 Morgan Avenue
Essie T. Garrett, Reporter
2010 Grand, Parsons, Kansas

Morgan Avenue Christian Church celebrated the Second Anniversary of our Pastor May 30, 1943. Under the spiritual guidance of Elder Lakes we have been able to do more efficient work. Our souls have been fed with the Gospel each Lord's Day, by which we have been greatly benefited.

The Church School with Elder F. B. Bradley as our wide-awake Superintendent and his group of teachers so ably perform their duty in honor of our Pastor. We commend him for such excellent work.

At 3 P.M., we were very grateful to have Elder R. Wesley Watson, our Tri-State Evangelist to bring us the Anniversary message on the theme: "Take Courage". This was a very instructive message given to an appreciative audience. Brown's Chapel. A.M.E. Church Choir furnished several beautiful numbers. The proceeds for this service and a beautiful lace din-
I fully realized, but never over-emphasized numbers, as well as a group of Negro Spirituals, including, "Were You There", "Sweet Little Jesus Boy", and "Honor! Honor!". Each number was rendered with the utmost care and interpreted with the utmost feeling. In each rendition, she was very modest and gracious. As an encore, she sang "The City Called Heaven".

Mrs. Welch has had wide experience on the concert stage. Among some of her appearances, may be listed: International Convention of Disciples of Christ at Columbus and St. Louis, Canada, Chicago University, Grand Rapids, Michigan, Ohio State University Campus, etc. The delicate timbre of her voice has been praised by musical critics throughout the country and a stack of newspaper clippings from towns where she appeared testify to the enthusiasm with which she has been received throughout the country. Those who heard her sing Sunday will never forget the beautiful and reverent music with which her audience was gripped. She more than justified all that B. Fred Wise, eminent teacher at the American Conservatory of Music has said concerning her.

Mrs. Welch was accompanied by Mr. L. Z. Milligen, musical instructor at the Lincoln High School, Paducah. Mr. Milligen was very admirable and sympathetic in his performance, and added much to the dignity and grandeur of the atmosphere, as well as to the artistic success of the occasion.

On Monday evening, 8:15, May 31, George Matthews was presented. On this occasion, George Matthews, the New Personality, who invaded the singing world only a few years ago, was glorified beyond what we had anticipated as the ideal concert singer, and more than justified all that Arthur Kraft, Eminent Voice Teacher of the East, said concerning her. The news left immediately after the concert was received with the utmost joy and enthusiasm, and was a very big contribution toward helping to win in the present struggle.

Mr. Matthews was accompanied by Mrs. Beatrice A. Dawson, director of music at the West Kentucky Vocational Training School. To observe the team work, the complete absence of any barrier of uncertainty between the artist and accompanist was gratifying. With such a sympathetic accompanist, coupled with the brilliancy and skill of the artist, triumph was certain.

Music lovers of both races were so thrilled with rapture by each artist, that they will have every cause to long remember the series with intense delight. The bringing of artists to Paducah is a distinct contribution to the cultural life of the community, and the Clay Street Christian Church intends to do its duty toward continuing such undertakings.

NEWS OF BLUEFIELD, W. VA.
Anne Keeling, Reporter
407 Jones Street

"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Gal. 6:9.

The Missionary Society presented an inspiring program under the direction of Monday, L. Moss, E. Keeling, and N. Pippy.

Mrs. Cora Hariston of Winston-Salem, N. C. was guest speaker for the Missionary Society on May.
She gave a very interesting talk and information concerning the work of the missionary society, which was very helpful.

With Our Army

Private Alfonzo Anderson, son of Mrs. Majorie Anderson was recently inducted into the Army.

Private Anderson is noted for his loyalty and pleasant disposition.

He was an active member of the Junior Choir.

WHO'S WHO IN BLUEFIELD, WEST, VIRGINIA

Elder James K. Dickerson

Elder James K. Dickerson was born in Tazewell County, Va., April 11, 1916.

At an early age he went to Charleston, W. Va., where he attended the public schools. Later he moved to Bluefield, W. Va., where he became connected with the Jones St. Christian Church of which his father, the late Rev. C. N. Dickerson was the pastor at that time.

Elder Dickerson attended the public schools of Bluefield and the Bluefield State Teachers College.

Elder Dickerson has faithfully served the Christian Church as president of the Christian Endeavor Society, and teacher of the Bible Study Class.

On January 17, 1943 Elder James Dickerson was ordained to the ministry and has been appointed the assistant pastor of Jones Street Christian Church of Bluefield.

Elder Dickerson is a nephew of Elder C. H. Dickerson of Lexington, Ky., and Elder G. M. Dickerson of Tazewell, Va. He is married and is the father of one child.

TRI STATE ECHOES

Virginia, West Virginia, N. C.

"Thine ears shall hear a word behind thee saying. This is the way." Isa. 3:21.

By R. L. Peters, Field Secretary

614 Hickory St., Winston-Salem N. C.

Phone 7863

All churches and pastors in Tri-State Area are making splendid progress. Spencer Memorial Christian Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., is nearing the close of the second quarter. The main financial objective is the $350.00 Rally for Convention Claims. Both Local and National. This Rally will close June 27th.

The School of Evangelism closed its fifth term May 14th. This was the best in its history. There were around fifty accessions to the Church since the beginning of the second quarter.

First Christian Church

(Bailey Town) Walnut Cove, N. C.

C. M. Robinson, Minister

Work progressing nicely. R. L. Peters, National Evangelist was guest speaker Sunday evening, May 23. His subject was: "The New Birth." There were four accessions to the Church.

Parks Grove Christian Church

Wilks Co. N. C.

J. W. Mack, Minister

New Church completed. Attendance at all services above normal.

Elder Eugene Patterson, president of Tri-State Convention is making his tour among the churches in Tri-State. He reported that all churches visited are planning to make good reports in the Annual Convention that meets at Concord, N. C. on Wednesday after the first Sunday in August.

National Evangelist at Preston, Va.

R. L. Peters, National Evangelist was invited as guest speaker in the Anniversary services of "The Willing Workers Club", of the Christian Church, Rev. S. H. Hairston, pastor.

R. L. Peters, Evangelist, while in Preston was highly entertained at the home of Mr. Tom and Mrs. E. Bell Watkins who prepared a nice dinner which will long be remembe red. The Evangelist has known them from childhood. They have a beautiful home in a grand location. Have reared and educated a nice family of seven children. Some of the children have helped make up the teachers staff in the state of Virginia.

SERGEANT IRVING Q. HURDLE

Born in Palestine, Texas; moved to Austin, Texas, 1920; finished the Austin Public Schools, was graduated from Prairie View State College, May 1939; served as Assistant Cashier in the Prairie View Bank for two years; was inducted into the United States Army in May 1941; was sent to Great Britain summer 1942. He has had experience in the United States Army in the World War 1942-43, in and about London; the fierce fighting section in North Africa and other parts of the world. He is a member of Twelfth Street Christian Church, Austin, Texas, a Master Mason, a young man of keen intellect, strong character and determined will power. He has written several articles from Africa. (His location—Somewhere in the Combat Zone in the Old World, at the time of this publication.)

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

The ladies of the Executive Committee at Indianapolis discussed many things concerning our National Convention. And one was the need of a new Constitution as we find the old one needs many changes.

Second realizing that traveling by bus or train is difficult due to war conditions and the Government asks us to travel light. And realizing that these are serious times and we as Christian women should pay more attention to the serious things of our work also be cooperative and not bring our long dresses to the National
Convention as they do take a lot of space in our traveling bags but we are urged to look as pretty as possible but not detract from the real purpose of our work.

Pearl S. Allen, Secretary

WHAT A CHRISTIAN WILL DO
June 10, 1943

The Christian Plea
449 Fourth Ave., North Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Friends:

Since I am continuing to receive the "Plea" and I am not sure that I am entitled to it I am enclosing two dollars. This may not bring my subscription up to date and I'd appreciate your advising me of any balance due.

I like to receive "The Plea", and there is just one thing which I have been looking for. That is some word of our men who are serving as chaplains. Several of my friends are in the service and there may be others than those whom I happen to know about.

You have my address as of 307 E. Main St., Lebanon, Ind. Please make it so that I know my signature.

In my work as a Chaplain I have been having some fine experiences in services with them. Any literature that you may send or direct me to, which may be of special interest to them, I'd be glad to have. Also, any suggestions of how I may be of help to the men would be welcome.

Yours very truly,

RICHARD W. MOORE
519th B. Hq. & A. B. Squad.
Myrtle Beach Bombing Range
Myrtle Beach, S. C.

THE SOONER STATE MOVES FORWARD

On May 30, the Eastern and Western District in Oklahoma had a joint session at the Central Christian Church, Boley, at which time the spirit ran very high; enthusiasm was kindled and momentum increased from and by our general topic, "The Needs of our State" which was accepted as a goal to be raised by July 30 to secure the service of an Evangelist.

You Would Be Surprised At The Response

Miss J. M. Williams of Oklahoma City was asked to take the names of those present who wished to pay or pledge on this amount.

Pledged Paid
O. D. Henry, Okla. City $ 10.00 10.00
E. E. Jones, Okla. City 10.00 10.00
R. L. Sercy, Okla. City 10.00 10.00
J. C. Moore, Chickasha 10.00 10.00
J. B. Holmes, Okla. City 10.00 2.00
Z. H. Howard, Muskogee 5.00
E. M. Bush, Okla. City 10.00 1.50
Y. D. Houston, Okla. City 10.00 .00
J. P. Pegues, Okla. City 10.00 1.00
S. Q. Parker, Okmulgee 10.00 1.00
John Thomson, Boley 10.00 1.00

Total 115.00 48.00

So the battle is on here in Oklahoma very instructive and soul-stirring. Our church has called Rev. Paterson for another two years to serve as of that below my signature.

Your advising me of any balance due.

North Tazewell, Va.

Midway Church of Christ
Mary L. Dickerson, Reporter

Rev. Eugene Patterson, Pastor

Beginning May 31st closing June 14th. Midway Church of Christ has just closed a revival which revived the Church and had five reclaimed and two for baptism. The first week Rev. S. M. Anderson did the preaching. He had to return home on account of a government job and Rev. Patterson preached the past week with Prof. L. G. Galloway of Park Grove, N.C., the blind musician at the piano. The singing was good and the sermons very instructive and soul-stirring. Our church has called Rev. Paterson for another two years to serve after five years of very successful pastorate. He also has a call from the Church in Danville, Ky. We are hoping we can keep him here in Tazewell. Rev. Patterson left Monday Morning June 14th to visit the Tri-State Area to prepare for our Convention which convenes at Concord, N. C. August 5th to 8th.

East Sixth Street Christian Church
Rev. R. L. Sercy, Pastor
E. E. Jones, Reporter

To the readers of the Christian Plea, since our last report, the church has been carrying on in a nice way. We are very much inspired by the reports of some of the churches, especially the work of Brother Davis in Chicago, and the report of our church in Memphis. We are all set for our National Convention drive; the work Central is progressing nicely under the leadership of our pastor, Rev. Walton and we are proud to say that we have no indebtedness and have been able to pay for repair work and current expenses as they came due. The Lord has added to our number both by baptism and letter and an active program bestirs us all. Our monthly reports have brought us outstanding personalities in and about Louisville and this month we have the pleasure of hearing our own, Mrs. Johnnie Kirkpatrick, National Convention president of the Women's Work.

Our youth though small in number have grasped the vision of the C. Y. F. and through it the Bible School has shown steady growth. The youth meet held at our church entertained some 60 or more youth in one of the best meets we have had.

Many of our group plan to be at both the State and National Conventions to renew old fellowships.

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Rev. R. L. Sercy, Pastor
E. E. Jones, Reporter

To the readers of the Christian Plea, since our last report, the church has been carrying on in a nice way. We are very much inspired by the reports of some of the churches, especially the work of Brother Davis in Chicago, and the report of our church in Memphis. We are all set for our National Convention drive; the Pastor has appointed five persons who will collect this fund, so you may look for our report in the next issue of the Plea.
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The local church is still on the go. The past month we have been getting ready to take care of all of our mission claims, $15.00 for Bible School, $15.00 for W.M.S. and $7.00 for church, which will finish our goal to the U.C.M.S. this year for $90.00.

For the first time the church in general decided to give its Pastoral anniversary because of the good work that had been done by him in the past three years. 154 additions, and $7864.40 raised, we felt he deserved it and even though it rained all the week, the church gave to the pastor for an appreciation gift, $252.60 and he is still receiving gifts. Up to date for his anniversary he has received $292.20. So because of the good spirit we are looking forward to next May at which time we expect to go over the top in this service.

We have several churches on our mailing list, where we send our monthly reports. We do hope to inspire some as we have been inspired to do more for the Master, and give to the Lord what is rightly due him. For April and May our records show that in general $923.10 was raised.

The State has made a call for $400.00 to be paid in by July 30. The men are against the women in raising this amount; E. E. Jones for the men and Mrs. Parthena Jones for the women. Both Jones, but no relation. A number of the men have paid $10.00 and some pledged $10.00 to this work, we hope to get the State work back on the map.

Herewith you will find a check of $1.00 for subscription of one year to Mrs. Bertha Hazel, Boley, Oklahoma.

We are getting ready to meet you at the National Convention in Columbus—look for us, and let us make President Taylor feel that he is serving the largest Convention in the world; remember that the size of the membership is not what counts in this case, but the size of our hearts, and the dimension of our souls.

REPORT OF DISTRICT EVANGELIST

Mrs. Maude Davis, Granger, Texas

The fourth quarter of District Board No. 6, convened in Lyons, Texas, May 28-30-43. This historic church is situated three and a half miles from the town of Lyons on the historic Washington estate. A very new church building tucked away in a beautiful wooded section of moss-covered trees by the highway, with a membership of good Christian men and women, who live near God, nature and the soil.

We had a great Board meeting even tho’ it poured down rain during the three days. Our delegates were few owing to the inclement weather. Rev. Noble Crayton and bride of Waco bravely braved the stormy weather and spent Sunday with us. Bro. Crayton preached an excellent sermon Sunday morning.

Dinner was served on the ground by the good church women. They were very generous and made us forget that food was rationed from the heavy laden tables of delicacies.

The information I received at the Inter-denominational Conference, conducted by the Federal Council of Churches for Rural Ministers at Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, proved to be practical and applicable to this particular community.

My deep appreciation is extended to President P. C. Washington, Dean Gill, Dr. Wickizer and Dr. Peoples, who made this Institute possible. My gratitude is further extended to the teachers who gave out the information from their vast storehouse of knowledge.

Mrs. Rasberry, a very efficient worker among the youth of Lyons, had charge of young people’s society, and promised to extend it to a Home Improvement Club.

Mrs. E. B. Washington, the writer’s hostess was unlimited in her courtesies extended in her very comfortable and well appointed rural home. To go into Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Washington’s home gives one the feeling of prosperity reigning supreme. She is an example for a minister’s wife and leader. Her yard is bedecked with flowers too numerous to mention. The registered Jersey cow, and huge flock of chickens induces one to want to stay there. Her pantry is a demonstration of her ability to can vegetables, fruits and meats. She has promised to take charge of the adult group and organize an Improvement Club, which means improvement in general, in culture, the home, the church, the farm life and the community.

I wish to extend my gratitude to the saintly sister Maggie Washington, the wife of the pastor Elder W. B. Washington, the President of the Missionary Society a diligent worker in the church and at home as well. To observe the beauty of her quilts, which are many, you will know she has had no time to be idle.

I am indeed grateful to Bros. P. W. and J. W. Washington for their cars which were at my disposal. Especially do I thank Bro. F. H. Moore, the efficient church clerk, for his solicitation and untiring effort in promoting the State Work in his church. I thank Elder J. M. Washington, Bros. Israel Washington, The Nix Brothers, Bro. Franklin, Deacon Sam Lister and the good sisters who cooperated in the devotional service. Too much praise can not be given to these young people of Lyons, who so beautifully cooperated in all services. It shall be long remembered as one of my best Board meetings.

This has been a great year for District No. 6, which has been my privilege to serve. We have gone forward with a great deal of improvement. Holland was the first to reach her goal; Lyons followed. Each one of rural churches is worthy of praise. Lyons reached her goal despite the fact she has built a new church. Holland has reached her goal, painted the exterior and interior of their church and purchased new covering for the roof, sent a contribution of $3.00 to the Board making a total of $13.00 over her apportionment and contributed $7.70 to State Evangelist Poston while he was in the State, which proves we can do if we want to do.

Taylor is struggling to bring up the rear being greatly over assessed but will pay all claims by July 1st.

San Antonio, a new church in the Brotherhood with a new building and many obligations, is struggling to pay her State Claims.

Davilla is near her goal. Thanks to the old war horse Bro. Nealy, and sister Nealy whose Missionary Society has gone in for saving their Sunday eggs and giving them to the Lord, which means that this rural Missionary Society will meet their State claims, also national. I wish to thank Bro. Givens and Rev. Noble Crayton for keeping the Waco Church on record despite the fact that many of their members fail to cooperate.

The Austin Church is doing very well but there is need for improvement. I feel safe in saying they will try and meet their State claims.

We have raised $70.00 in the Lyons Board meeting, making a total thus far of $201.84 for the Convention year.

MRS. MAUD DAVIS

Box 462 Granger, Texas

BETHESDA CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Rev. D. T. Williams, Pastor, Miss Anne Smith, Reporter, Route 2, Box 81, Oconee, Ga.

We are happy to say that things have been going well since our last writing. We had a very fine program on Rally Day the 23rd of May, a two-month’s drive for repairing and beautifying the home church Bethesda near Oconee, Ga. It being the oldest Colored Christian Church in Ga. under the pastorate and leadership of the Pastor. We have organized a mis-
The Missionary Society held two meetings the month of May.

May 13th, the Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. Marie Alexander. The president presided. The president reported $115.90 raised from August 1942—May 1943. $5.11 was sent to the U. M. S. Mrs. Mamie Wallace chairman of sick committee, reported no one on sick list.

May 27th, the Society met at the home of Mrs. Beulah Byers. The Vice President (Mrs. Cora Douglas) presided in this meeting. $1.00 was given to Mrs. Mary Douglas who was ill, and convalescent cards were sent to a friend. Total amount raised for May $14.36.

Mrs. E. Byers, President
Mrs. Mary Douglas, Secretary
Mrs. Ella White, Treasurer

Report of the Stewardess Club No. 1 for the month of May.

The workers were: Mrs. Gertrude Hahne and Mr. V. B. Byers.

One program was held at the church on May 17.

The Program was as follows:

Song Faith of our Fathers
Prayer Mrs. V. B. Byers, Jr.
Solo Mrs. Helen Boyer
Reading (Dunbar) Miss Lillie Byers
Solo Miss Mary Wallace
Reading Mrs. Margaret Edmund
Solo Mrs. Lillie King
Reading (Dunbar) Mr. John Mickens
Musical Recitation Miss Mary Wallace
Remarks Mrs. E. Byers

May 24, the Church of God rendered service for the club. The pastor, Mrs. Forde preached a soul-stirring sermon. The choir rendered music. Collection $5.00. The total finance for the month was $2640. This club reports $15.00 every month in the church meeting. This helps maintain current expenses and building expenses.

The workers for June are: Mr. Charles Wallace and Mrs. Mary Douglas.

Respectfully submitted,

M. H. Hudson, Treasurer
Lyons, Texas

ELDER E. B. WASHINGTON DISTRICT EVANGELIST, REPORTS

Lyons, Texas

District No. 4 Report

In spite of much handicaps district No. 4 was able to make a reasonable report. Only one church in this district reported. It was said that nothing would be done in the district,
but the brothers of the Palestine Church were happy to do what they could in spite of circumstances.

I have never worked with a more interesting group of men than those I work with in the Fulton Street Christian Church, Palestine, Texas. Brother Relia Carter was finance leader and his committee worked good while I gave my attention to the preaching of the Gospel. It rained but in spite of that we had a good meeting of the Board. $23.30 was given to the work.

Brother Carter is the only man in my district who makes an advice of a Sunday. He is Pastor there.

Every one seemed to enjoy to the highest each Gospel message. Many expressed their wish for a week more of that kind of preaching. May God bless the work there and if it be possible, I shall be glad to work with the church there if brother Quarles be willing. He is Pastor there.

H E R E A N D T H E R E

Elder John D. Henry 121 Front St.
Clayton, N. Carolina

We are set for the L.T.S. and Y.P.C. at Kinston, N. C. which is to open in August. A writer was at Kinston and saw the Ration Board a few days ago, and got the needed points.

I failed to state in our last Plea that the following Elders were with me on my trip to the funeral of the Late Elder W. R. Steety. Chief Elder H. D. Davis, Elder A. Parker, and Elder J. H. Harper.

We had a lovely and a very successful union at the Elm Grove Church of Christ, May 28-30, 1943. Elder E. Z. Coley, received the $10.00 prize for having reported the highest amount above $200.00 in the union.

We had four other Elders to receive $5.00 each for reporting to the union above $60.00 each as follows: Elder J. H. Harper, C. E. Williams, J. D. Jackson, and W. C. Baker.

We regret to report the passing of Elder I. W. Faison, one of our outstanding ministers, and pastor, which was laid to rest Mon. May 31-43. Dr. E. F. Johnson, brought the message, which was heard by a mass of people. The way in which Dr. Faison was esteemed was in proof of the amount of flowers and the host of friends from far and near. Another fact is that the manager of the great Gates Pickle Plant there ordered it closed for the day.

A great man has fallen, a mighty preacher is gone. A lovely face will be seen no more, and a friend of Union sleepeth.

"O! God give us men."

SGT. LANCASTER J. DOUGLAS
Post Det. 4th S. C
Camp Tyson, Tenn.

Sergeant Lancaster J. Douglas, 172 Lincoln St., Concord, N. C. He is better known as "Lank." Since childhood, he has been an active member of the First Christian Church, Concord, N. C. Before being inducted into the U. S. Army he was a deacon, Sunday School treasurer and church clerk, for 16 years an employee of Bab's Laundry. He is the son of Mrs. Cora Douglas and the late Handy A. Douglas.

Sgt Douglas was married to Miss Mary Louise Morrison, Nov. 27, 1937. Recently he spent his eight days furlough with his wife and relatives.

FOUR OAKS CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS

REV. W. L. WILLIAMS, Pastor
MRS. Ida WILLIAMS, Secretary
Four Oaks, N.C.

The above old church is the mother of all the churches of the Western Disciples of Christ Assembly. Elder W. L. Williams, our pastor, is doing fine with the church. Last Sunday was Pastoral Day. Elder Williams preached in the morning from Matthew 16th Chapter and the 18th verse. "Upon this rock I will build my church."

Sunday evening Elder McCray preached from Acts 10th Chapter. Next Sunday Elder Charles McClean of Fayetteville is expected with his congregation of the Pleasant Union Christian Church.

ELDER C. H. DICKERSON
Home at 340 Ohio Street, Lexington, Kentucky, Phone 5991

Brief summary of 47 years of active service in the Christian Ministry along with the good wife, who is still "His Manager."

Born and reared in Old Virginia, the youngest of six Dickerson brothers, 4 of whom were Christian Preachers.

Spent early life in Coal Fields of West. Va.

Graduate from Louisville Bible School in 1900.

Ordained to Ministry October 1897 in Louisville

Built Church at Tipton, Va., in 1901.


Built Church House at Lawrenceburg, Ky.

Paid Debt at Nicholasville, Ky.

Built Annex to Lexington Church in 1938, cost $4,200.

Put in two furnaces and pipe organ at Lexington.

Served six years as State Evangelist of Kentucky.

Served Hustonville and Winchester, Ky., 2 years.

Served Mayslick, Ky. Church 1 year.

Decorated inside Lexington Church and painted roof 3 times.

Held meetings in ten different states.

Pastored Lexington Church 14 happy years.

Pastored Nicholasville Church 18 years, and built "Dickerson Hall" there and paid $3000 debt.

Average 3 added per month during first 6 years in Lexington.


Baptized 943, Married 447 couples.

Was married by J. W. McCarvey, August 1900, to one Miss Annie K. Hunter, who for 42 years—"Doll" has been my guide and stay.

Was delegate to first National Convention at Nashville.

Served 12 years on “Joint Executive Committee,” with 5 whites and 5 colored.

Served 6 years President of Kentucky Missionary Board and State Convention.

Served 5 years President of Kentucky S. S. Convention.

Served 12 years on Kentucky State Board.

Wrote from the "Banks of Old Ky." in Gospel Plea and Christian Plea for
10 years meeting in Indianapolis and St. Louis.

Was Editor and Publisher of Christian Plea for 5 years in service of U.C.M.S.


Wrote book of "My Best Sermons" in 1942.

Retired in 1943 to take lighter work, because "Ole Ky. "has been wondrously kind to us.

Have not "Finished my Course," but have "Kept the Faith."

Installed Rev. R. L. Saunders and wife to succeed us here as Pastor of Lexington Church in March, 1943. "Preach the Word."

HOLLY GROVE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
ELDER J. A. LEE
R.F.D. No. 1, Box 124
Indianaola, Miss.

Elder West is carrying on in a great way. He preaches warm, spiritual sermons. Our last collection was $11.25; of this $9.25 was for local expenses, $1.00 for conference and $1.00 for expenses.

We mourn the loss of Elder J. G. Keyes, Elder M. Herndon and Deacon Dan McKinney. These are three people whose places will be hard to fill.

NOTES FROM OLD ASPARAGUS BED

By A. D. Gault, Reporter
R. 2, Mayslick, Ky.

The month of May was one of the best for the church. The offerings were good, the preaching was excellent and many visitors were present at all services.

Due to many people leaving for war work our Bible school attendance has fallen off but our financial reports are good. May 9th our official board met and planned a program for the year and called Elder E. B. Toles for another year with a raise in salary. Mrs. Lillian Belcher, the sexton, was raised in salary. Our national convention rally was held June 20th. The State Convention rally will be July 4th. The church has endorsed all the acts of the official board. Mr. Edward Cross was home on a nine day furlough. Thomas Corde was inducted in the Army May 2st. Our three boys are going to the front to fight; it seems that we should keep the home front fires burning.

Well dear friends there is spring time here in the Rockies now! The work in the old Asparagus bed has taken on new life. We had good services all through March and April. The Baptist Methodist and several others visited us. I visited the Convington Church on the 21st of March. I found the Bible School in good shape. Mrs. Grace Wood is superintendent. They raised $5.25 in the Bible School and $33.00 in the Church. We planned the State Convention Program while I was there. Mrs. Alice Washington and Mrs. Arena Bishop entertained me along with Elder and Mrs. Dickerson. During May we held a victory service for our boys at Mayslick who have gone to the army. Rev. Charles H. Wilkins, pastor of the Methodist Church preached the sermon. The Baptist choir sang along with the Methodist choir from Washington. Mr. Cornelius Daniles of Mayslick made an address. Miss Kellis, Principal of Paris High School spoke. I attended the State Layman's Conference at North Middletown on the 16th. I attended the State Board Meeting at East Second Street Church, Lexington, Ky. Rev. R. L. Sanders, Pastor on the third Sunday Rev. Toles brought a good message. Mrs. Mollie Commodore of Germantown Christian Church was a visitor. Easter Sunday we had a Union Easter Service and Egg hunt with the Methodist folks. The program was sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. William Bennett of the Methodist Church. We used eight dozen eggs. Elder Toles is beloved by all of the city.


By A. D. Gault, Financial Secretary

The Following Churches paid on their State apportionment January 15, 1943, in a State Board Meeting at the Prall Street Christian Church, Lexington, Ky.

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Total $22.50

The following are churches who are not doing District work.

Columbia $ 2.50
Shady Grove 1.00

Total $ 3.50

Grand total at the meeting $69.00

January 16th at the District Meeting of District No. 3 at Mayslick, I received from the following churches:

Germantown $ 1.25
Millersburg 7.50

Total $ 8.75

I have 8.75 at present in hand to report at the next Board meeting. The following churches have half paid their apportionment in six months of our Conventional year: Midway, Germantown, Paris, Mt. Sterling, Hustonville, North Middletown, Little Rock 50 cents over; Columbia, Shady Grove, and London sent $5.25 to the Financial Secretary November 12, 1942 which was 25 cents over half of their apportionment, so far the churches have paid $143.76 on their State Apportionment. Yet these are some of our good churches who have not paid anything on their State Apportionment. I trust they will live up in the end.

Our slogan this year is not just pay our apportionment in full but as much over as possible. The churches were apportioned in 1939 when everything was down. Now every body is making more, we should be willing to give more to the Church work. The Christians have a great chance to go forward. In these times of ration let us not ration the church program. I want to thank the Pastors and Church members of Kentucky for their support.

Yours truly,
A. D. Gault,
Financial Secretary

BEG PARDON MEMPHIS

In our May Issue we inadvertently reported the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church as raising $100.00 on Woman's Day Drive. It should have read $700.00 instead. This is seven times better. Sorry.

Mrs. Dale Ellis and Dr. Willard Wickizer have recently returned from Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas.
COLLEGE NEWS

Miss Perle Loraine Peoples Marries

Miss Perle Loraine Peoples-Fowler and Chief Officer (Stewart), James Travis Fowler

The marriage was solemnized at the groom's home, Mr. and Mrs. Sponsorfield Smith. They took a honeymoon trip to San Francisco, California. Officer Fowler has been over four years with the Navy. His bride will finish her college work while he defends his country. Mrs. Fowler is with her parents at Indianapolis, Indiana.

MISS CARNELLA JAMISON'S COLUMN

LIFT CHRIST NOW!

(Theme for All Youth Programs 1943-44)

It is imperative. He must be lifted in the hearts of men everywhere who heed his call, "Come, follow me." This theme grew out of the feeling of a group of youth and adult leaders that in days like these Christ above all should be exalted.

Four areas of intense consideration became the study basis for youth programs in our Brotherhood 1943-44.

I. Lift Christ now through vital personal Christian living. This involves personal commitment on the part of individuals to live day by day as a Christian.

II. Lift Christ now through interfaith cooperation. This involves actual study, understanding and cooperation with other religious faiths, Jewish and Catholic.

III. Lift Christ now through better inter-racial understanding. No area of national cooperation seems more tense today. Americans of Japanese descent, relations and friendship strained and strengthened between the colored and white races, and other minority groups seeking security make this a most important phase for creativity on the part of young people.

IV. Lift Christ now through working toward world brotherhood. Our missionary study materials help us in this area. Do not neglect personal contacts with other national groups. Actual experience crowns the studies of many years.

These emphases are within the programs of young peoples conferences, world fellowship meets, youth week, and all youth periodicals and emphasis throughout the year.

A "Program Guide for Seniors and Older Young People" may be secured by writing to Christian Board of Publication—St. Louis, Missouri.

Let the youth of our nation unite to Lift Christ Now!

CARNELLA L. JAMISON
June 30

It is cooler today than yesterday and as I write you are enjoying climates similar and quite different than the one which I survive. Yet the intense heat of June in Indiana does not deter from my purpose.

The last quota slips are before me—some have achieved, some surpassed, some striving, some indifferent, but all groups represented by the quota slips before me are a part of the Christian fellowship and of the Disciples of Christ to whom Jesus said, "Ye shall be my witnesses."

We witness through prayer, service and giving. Prayer and service are parts of our daily lives. Giving should be—but by June 30, missionary giving from every church in our Brotherhood must be in the mail.

What June 30 means:

1. Budgets and program for a whole year are built upon the previous years giving.
2. Programs and budgets already projected await continuing support.
3. Loving cup Awards based upon giving all accounted June 30.
4. Individual giving names to be added to the Honor Roll are accounted June 30.
5. Increased offerings for scholarships at Jarvis Christian College and Southern Christian Institute are accounted June 30.
6. Why all this "ado"? The end of our financial Missionary year comes June 30.
7. Thanks to you for your cooperation and support in Kingdom building for these months. The close of another year of my service to you through the Department of Missionary organizations comes June 30.

FIELD PLANS

June 20-August 22, 1942
Carnella L. Jamison—National Secretary Negro Missionary Organization

June 20-27 Dean—Midwest Conference, Bonner Springs, Kansas
June 28-July 1 United Christian Adult Conference (Lake Geneva) Williams Bay, Wisconsin
July 2-3 Kansas State Convention, Atchison, Kansas
July 4-11 Central Conference, Kentucky State College, Frankfort, Kentucky
July 12-19 Office
July 20-22 Kentucky State Convention, Covington, Kentucky
July 23-25 Alabama Youth Meet, Calhoun, Alabama
July 28-Aug. 1 Missouri State Convention, Vandalia, Missouri
Aug. 4-8 Texas State Convention, Greenville, Texas
Aug. 11-15 Mississippi State Convention, Jackson, Mississippi
Aug. 17-22 National Convention, Columbus, Ohio

LIFT CHRIST NOW! YOUNG PEOPLE'S SUMMER CONFERENCES

The statue pictured on the front of this folder is known as “Christ of the Andes.” It stands high in the mountains between Argentina and Chile and was erected in 1892 as a peace memorial marking the end of hostilities between these nations. Its bronze was obtained by melting down the guns used in the warfare and it is interesting to know that the money used for the erection of the statue was collected by the women of Argentina and Chile. And there it remains a symbol of their pledge of peace so well expressed in these famous words used in the message of dedication more than half a century ago:

“Soon shall these mountains crumble into dust than shall the Argentines and Chileans break the peace which they have pledged at the feet of Christ the Redeemer.”

The National Christian Youth Fellowship Planning Conference in January, 1943, chose the theme, “Lift Christ Now” for our young people’s conferences this summer. They had in mind the story of this statue and the words of Jesus, “If I be lifted up I shall draw all men unto me.”

Conference this summer will “Lift Christ Now” in the hearts and lives of thousands of church youth. Conference this summer will train and inspire these youth to lift Him now in the thinking, planning and living of a war-weary world.

SECOND REQUEST for Correct Addresses of pastors, correspondents, heads of departments, superintendents of Sunday Schools, presidents of Women’s Missionary Societies or Women’s Councils, presidents of Christian Endeavor Societies of the Christian Youth Fellowship, and sponsors of your young people’s and children’s groups.

Only eleven ministers and one correspondent have responded. Will you please fill out the card and return it. It is urgent! We must have the correct addresses. If you pastor more than one church, see that the information is in for all of them.

R. H. Peoples

COMMENCEMENT AT S. C. I.

Edwards, Mississippi
May 27, 1943

By B. D. Thomas, Edwards, Miss.

Thirty-two graduates were granted diplomas from the Southern Christian Institute on May 24, at the Sixth-First Annual Commencement.

Of the nine graduates from the Junior College, Miss Alma Lee, daughter of Mrs. Cassie A. Lee, of Edwards, Miss., received the highest scholastic honors. Miss Lee plans to enter Meharry Medical College at Nashville to prepare for a career in nursing.

Three of the twenty-three graduates from the high school received special honors. Miss Annie Sanders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sanders, of Learned, Mississippi, and Mr. David Hutton, son of Mrs. Edna Hutton of Edwards, Mississippi, as the two highest ranking students over a period of four years, were given scholarships to the S. C. I. Junior College. Miss Hazel Stamps, as the “most worthy student,” according to the judgment of the faculty, received a cash award of ten dollars from Mr. Isaac, Secretary of the National Negro Baptist Convention.

Miss Thelma Cowan, a member of the tenth grade, was the recipient of two cash awards, one from the Harmony Club, of Jackson, Mississippi, for superior improvement in music and the other from the Mary Church Terrell Literary Club of Jackson, Mississippi, for outstanding development in English. Miss Cowan is the daughter of the former dean of the S. C. I., Lieut. Jason M. Cowan, now a chaplain in New Guinea, and Mrs. J. M. Cowan, Dean of Women at the Southern Christian Institute.

Generous gifts to their Alma Mater were made by both graduating classes. The college class made a donation of $190.63, to be used for a new gate at the entrance to the campus. The class gave recognition to the other five classes for having assisted in the raising of the money during the “Miss S. C. I.” project, sponsored by the college sophomores, under the direction of Mrs. Charles Mosley, during the fall.

The high school graduates presented to the school a beautiful copy of Sallman’s “Gethsemane,” to be used as a worship center, and a large service flag which has not yet arrived.

The program which preceded the barbecue dinner, which was attended by more than five hundred persons.

DISCIPLE HAPPENINGS

The Maple Street Church, Lockland, Ohio, Elder H. E. Fowler, Pastor, raised over $1,300.00 in a rally June 13th. President W. H. Taylor was present and preached for them.

The West Main Street Christian Church, Clarksville, Tennessee, is coming into its own under the guidance of Elder John Barker. They have repaired the church and are expecting several people from Nashville the Third Sunday in July. They have sent $8.00 to Dr. Walker on the national work.

Elder S. P. Wallick, Treasurer of Bible School reports that he has received $3.00 from the Second Christian Church, Muskogee, Okla.; United Christian Church, Detroit, Mich., $3.00 and $2.00 from the Second Christian Church, Hagerton Maryland, making a total of $8.00. I hope to hear from other Bible schools soon.

ON TO COLUMBUS

AUGUST 17-23

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YOUTH CONFERENCE PLACES AND DATES

Midwest—Bonner Springs, Kansas.
Register at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, June 20.
Closes: Sunday at 9:00 a.m., June 27. Total Cost, $8.00.
Write to R. W. Watson, 2327 Lydia, Kansas City, Mo.

Adult Seminar: For leaders of young people. Total Cost, $6.00.

Central—Kentucky State College, Frankfort, Kentucky.
Register at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, July 4.
Closes: Saturday afternoon, July 10. Total Cost, $7.50.
Write to: Mrs. Edith W. Bristow, 2216 W. Chestnut, Louisville, Kentucky.

Adult Seminar: For leaders of young people. Total Cost, $6.00.

Piedmont—Martinsville, Virginia (Fayette St. Church).
Register at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, August 8.
Closes: Saturday Noon, August 14. Total Cost, $7.00.
Write to: Mrs. E. G. Starling, Martinsville, Va.

Adult Seminar: For leaders of young people. Total Cost, $5.00.

Register: Monday, September 6.
Closes: Sunday, September 12.

HAGERSTOWN, MD.
By Mrs. M. E. Queen
621 Pennsylvania Ave.,
Hagersfown, Md.

Second Christian Church, Elder W. H. Taylor, pastor.
The National Convention Committee observed National Convention day and the following persons paid $1.00:
The following persons paid less than $1.00: Sisters Malcoma Brown, 80c; Nellie Francis, 25c; Nettie Belle, 60c; William Taylor, 15c; Rozena Clark, 50c; Brother George Johnson, 5c; Sister Ruth Tracy, 25c; Brother Charles Clark, 50c.
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New and Necessary Books for Disciples

FARIS, LILLIE A., Primary Bible Teacher and Leader. 128 pages, price 60c.
A study of the task of the Primary Church-School Teacher and Leader. It covers the primary child, the teacher, departmental and class organizations, the Sunday program and many other features. There is nothing in literature for this level which surpasses this book.

WALKER, W. R., A Functioning Eldership. 95 pages, price 35c each; $3.75 per dozen.
A must book for the scriptural basis of the orderly functioning of the local church. All Negro pastors should see that this book is in the hands of all officers.

Book I, tells the thrilling story of our Christ from Bethlehem's manger to the calling of the twelve disciples. A perfect gift for your children. The first book of its kind in the religious world. It only costs 35c each or $3.50 per dozen.

BUTCHART, MARY B., How to Present Church Drama. 64 pages, 50c.
Nothing can take the place of Mrs. Butchart's book on enlivening the church program. The story of our great commission can be so portrayed that it will make a lasting impression. All youth workers need this book to help hold the interest of young people.
DAHL, ANNA M., Year 'Round Handwork Pattern Book. 48 pages, 50c each. and STEWART, SYLVIA, From Dot to Dot in the Life of Christ. 52 pages, 35c each.

Something New in Handwork: The above books are up-to-the-minute ideas in motivation and interest in religious life. They are functional and guide the pupil in getting the correct impression of the Christ life. For your Children's Department, there is nothing which will take the place of the above works.

PARRIS, PERCY E., Children at Worship. 122 pages, $1.25 each.

To start the future church by reverently guiding the youth in worship. There is nothing in Sacred Literature quite as helpful as this book. This book must be guided in worship. This is the work.

MARSH, NELLIE E. AND POOVEY, WILLIAM A., Hymn Dramatization. 185 pages, $1.50 cloth, 90c paper.

This book contains 21 simple dramas. The stories of how hymns came to be written and other interpreting hymns. Nothing will take the place in making the future church must be guided in worship. This is the work.

Handwork in the Sunday School.

Handwork, so popular and effective for teaching in the public school, is equally helpful in teaching the word of God to children in the Sunday School. Surprising as it may seem, the Sunday School has a variety of handwork even more complete than is offered in most public schools. The newest item is "From Dot to Dot in the Life of Christ," announced by The Standard Publishing Company, Cincinnati, Ohio.

For years the "Dot-to-Dot" idea has been popularly syndicated in secular newspapers and magazines. Now comes a packet of fifty-two leaflets, each a basic dot drawing of an incident or object related to the life of Christ. The artist-author is Miss Sylvia Stewart, a Sunday-school teacher of primary children in Akron, Ohio, who has achieved considerable distinction in the field of juvenile illustration.

Also, just off the press of The Standard Publishing Company is a "Year 'Round Handwork Pattern Book," suitable for primary and junior children in the Sunday School. Poster pattern books are not new in the Sunday School field. Several of them have been produced and successfully used in recent years in Daily Vacation Bible Schools, Week-Day Schools and other groups in addition to the Sunday School.

Cut-out pictures, which children cut out and paste in little booklets, are perhaps the oldest of the handwork items. Pictures for coloring, grooved handwork by means of which the child just beginning to write can trace out the words "Jesus Loves Me" and "I Love Jesus," a magic slate for handwork by means of which the child just beginning to write can trace out the words "Jesus Loves Me" and "I Love Jesus," a magic slate for tracing Bible pictures, silhouette patterns, sand-table cuts and pictures, cut-out letters and numerals, sign makers, seals for the child's scrapbook, scripture text-alphabet card mounting books, sewing cards and text mottoes, story-tell stand-up cut-outs and a whole multitude of similar handwork materials and related games and stories for primary and junior children make the "Kiddie Kraft" section of the religious catalog one of the most interesting.

NO. SIX DISTRICT MEETING

---of the---
Church Department, Bible Schools, Women's Missionary and Christian Endeavor Societies
---to be held at---
MT. STERLING, KY.
Saturday & Sunday, June 12-13, 1943
THEME—"VICTORY THROUGH SERVICE"

Saturday Morning
10:00 Call to Order—Prof. J. E. Bean. Greetings, Reports from all Departments. Appointment of Committees.
10:40 Worship—Mt. Sterling.
11:00 Training Period.
1. Ministers and Officers—Elders, L. L. Dickerson and R. H. Peoples.
2. W. M. S.—Mrs. W. M. Hunter and Mrs. E. Owens.
3. Y. P.—Elder Saunders and Mrs. Elster.
4. Supt. and Teachers—Miss M. Butler and Mrs. E. Bristow.
5. Children—Mrs. C. L. Clemmons.
11:45 Assembly.
12:00 Special Message—Mr. R. H. Peoples.
12:20 Presentation of Visitors.
12:30 Forum: "What Has Each Local Church Done to Promote and Select Y. P. for Conference and Adults for Adult Seminary?"
Delegates to attend the Convention Institute.—Elder R. Saunders and William Fields.
1:00 Offering—Announcements Benediction.
1:15 Lunch.

Saturday Afternoon
3:00 Assembly, Miss Mary Butler presiding; hymn singing. Business—all Departments.
3:40 Dramatization, led by Mt. Sterling Y. P., including all conference Y. P. and Adult leaders.
4:00 Training Period (continued). Joint for all Adults.
5:00 Committee Meeting. Recreation or Social Life—Mr. Wm. Fields and Miss M. Blair.
6:00 Supper.

Saturday Evening
7:00 Assembly—Report of Committees.
7:30 Worship—Winchester.
7:45 Sermon—Rev. William Owens.
8:20 Music.
8:25 Special Address—Prof. J. E. Bean, Church President.
8:50 Offering, Announcements Benediction.

Sunday Morning
9:45 Supt. and Teachers Conference.
10:00 Bible School—Guest Supt. and Local Supt.
11:00 Morning Worship and Sermon—Local Pastor. Offering. Benediction.
12:30 Lunch.

Sunday Afternoon
2:00 Assembly—Business (continued).
2:30 Worship—Little Rock.
2:25 Dramatization (Victory—Fairview.
3:30 Special Message—Mr. R. H. Peoples.
4:00 Secretary and Treasurer Reports. (All Departments).
4:15 Offering. Announcements Benediction.

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS:
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W. M. S.—Mrs. E. Owens.
B. S.—Miss M. Butler.
Y. P.—Mr. William Fields.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. REPORT
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Total amount sent to National Treasure, $26.25.
Faithfully submitted the National Convention Committee.
Sister Mayme Queen, chairman; Sister Gaynell Campher, secretary; Sister Tora R. Brooks, Brother D. H. E. Coffee.
National Convention Convenes at Columbus, O., Aug. 17

ELDER WM. (Baltimore) TAYLOR
President of National Convention

MY PERSONAL APPRECIATION

By W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor

I want to express my personal appreciation to the entire Faculty and the Tennessee Christian Missionary Society; to Elder W. P. Harman for the fine way the National Institute for Disciples Leaders was conducted and the needed information received. I can say without fear of contradiction that Brother W. P. Harman, the sponsor of the Institute is not ashamed to suffer as a Christian. Jesus said of Nathaniel in John 1:47 “Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile.” I believe that Brother W. P. Harman is a man indeed, in whom is no guile. In my judgement it will take men of his type to recapture the confidence we have lost in others.

READ THE PLEA
A VICTORY MESSAGE IN
AUGUST ISSUE

ELDER C. W. ARNOLD, Pastor of Monroe Avenue Christian Church, extends a hearty welcome to delegates and friends attending the National Christian Missionary Convention which convenes at his church, August 17-23, 1943, Columbus, Ohio.

NATIONAL CONVENTION CONVENES AT COLUMBUS, OHIO,
AUGUST 17-23.

Theme—Victory with Christ

The largest war-time convention in the history of the brotherhood will convene at the Capitol City, Columbus, Ohio, August 17-23. They will meet under the theme: Victory with Christ.

Reverend C. W. Arnold, the dynamic pastor of the Monroe Avenue Christian Church will be the host and all of the news states that everything is in readiness. The convention will open at ten o’clock Tuesday morning with the convening of the National Board. President W. H. Taylor will deliver his opening message at eight o’clock Tuesday evening. Every church is urged to send or be present with a full report of their work during the year. There has been a definite drive on to raise $5,000.00 by the convention time. The reports show that many churches have definitely tried to reach their quota. It is hoped that all will come up and do their part.

The usual procedure will be followed throughout the convention under the new constitution. This will be the first report and evaluation of the many boards which have been working during the year.

Mr. John Booth, of the extension department of the Brotherhood, Dr. W. R. Walker, of the Indianola Ave. Christian Church, Mrs. Cora Jordan White, prominent woman leader of Columbus, Ohio, Hon. J. D. Locker, councilman of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Mrs. H. B. Marx of the U. C. M. S., will be some of the high lights on the Convention program.

JOIN THE VICTORY PARADE
ON TO COLUMBUS, OHIO
AUGUST 17-23
NATIONAL CONVENTION
FOX GOES TO WAR SERVICE

After finishing the University of Chicago Divinity School this past June, Elder William Kappan Fox has been employed by the Committee on War Services. He has been visiting and studying the conditions at Little Rock, Arkansas, and is now at Texarkana, Texas.

He is the first Negro disciple to live and study at the Disciples Divinity House and from all reports he made a very good record. He is to be congratulated on being available and usable with the United Christian Missionary Society.

A LETTER TO THE BROTHERHOOD OF THE NEGRO DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

To the Brotherhood of the Disciples of Christ:

The Anvils are ringing again. Everybody has eyes turned to Columbus, Ohio, for August 17. Our president of the National Convention has called you to get in line.

This National Convention promises to be one of the greatest since the war began. Every man and woman who loves the Church of Jesus Christ should not hesitate to attend this meeting.

The rank and file will be there, headed by old timers, such as: Dr. L. H. Crawford, pastor of Romine Street Christian Church, Dallas, Texas, and ex-president of the National Convention and who is largely responsible for its progress thus far; Prof. T. W. Pratt, I. Q. Hurdle, C. L. Parks, R. L. Searcy, S. S. Myers, C. H. Dickerson and many others too numerous to mention.

Several important matters will need the attention of the convention: one, The Christian Plea and its maintenance; second, to what extent has the National Board to execute in the absence of the convention? Is it limited to abiding by the minutes of the convention or may it set up a coterie of its own? Third, the preacher and what shall he preach in a war torn world; also what shall he preach in a post war world? Fourth, What shall be the results as the war continues to take men from the eldership and deaconship of the church? Will the responsibility fall upon the women or shall the church lie dormant until the men return? Shall the young people and the Bible School be allowed full sway or be smothered out by another organ that has no bearing on the church? What shall the church offer to the sin-cursed world in a time like this?

You will be highly entertained. Transportation will be normal and we shall have churches and schools for entertainment. Dr. C. W. Arnold is saying, “Come and we shall do thee good.”

Publicity Committee of National Convention, Disciples of Christ,
L. H. CRAWFORD, Chairman

YOUTH APPEALS TO ADULTS

Mrs. J. B. Anderson,
Rt. 1, Box 113, Hustonville, Ky.

I have heard it in the mountain,
I have heard it by the sea,
Where the plains are vast and vaster.
I have heard it calling, calling,
Ever calling unto me!
In the night time I have heard it
Through the darkness and the gloom,
In the morning when the sunrise
Bursts in splendor through my room.
O, What is it that is calling
In the mountains, by the sea,
In the night time, in the day time,
Ever calling unto me?
O my soul, and can it be
It is God, and He is calling,
Ever calling unto me!
Yes, it is God that is calling unto me.
Just as He is ever calling me,
He is also ever calling you. I do not know whether you hear Him or not.
Some of us do not want to hear Him especially when He is calling us to help some one else.
Usually when things of this sort are said, we brace ourselves in our seats and pat ourselves on the backs by saying silently, “They are not referring to me, I do this for that organization and that for another, such as: I go to Church every Sunday and I attend Sunday School regularly.”

You may do those things, but are they enough? O, no! There is so much more to be done. There are the young people of this community and of the many others to be looked after.

The Bible says “Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

Even if the child is born and reared in a Christian home and of Christian parents, this does not present the fact that the child is going to be a Christian. Many Christian mothers and fathers have suffered painfully because their children strayed away from their Christian homes into the wickedness of the world. These poor parents thought that by a Christian environment the children would learn right from wrong, but they were very dreadfully mistaken. You must remember this, that environment is a very, very important factor but along with environment must come the next important and that is training. Teach your child right from wrong.

There are many ways of teaching a child right from wrong. Do not sit down and lecture to the child, giving him a list of don’ts. For instance, don’t do this and don’t do that. Instead live the way you would want him to live, say the things you would want him to say and above all act the way you would want him to act. Watch your step; you may have a child who is secretly trying to walk in your footsteps, you may never know about it, but please be careful, you may be the one who may cause your own child to stumble and fail never to rise again.

There are those who do not have any children, who sit back and criticize other people’s children, that is such a dreadful thing to do. They never try to help the parents teach the children the way of the straight and narrow path. Yet as soon as the children have stumbled and fallen, they will be the first to get on them with both feet to hold them down. Never attempting to help them up.

If there were more people who were interested in the upbuilding of the community by helping the youths “Lift up Christ,” we would have a much stronger community.

We have those who are interested in our well-being and future, and we will forever be grateful to them.

We have a wonderful group of young people and all we need is your helpful guidance.

In closing I want to thank everyone who has helped in any way for the uplifting of your young people, and to you who have not helped in any way I want to ask you to try and do so very soon.

Must Jesus bear the cross alone,
And all the world go free?

No, there’s a cross for everyone,
And there’s a cross for me!
Preston Taylor did hear the call! “Who will unite my Church for me From pole to pole, and sea to sea? Who will forget self, wear the crown And save my Church from tumbling down?”

“I will dare Master”, Taylor did say, “Speak dear Father, I will obey. My best I’ll give early and late, No bidding too hard, no task to great!”

“Preston Taylor, you my Church organize, Preston Taylor, lift to the skies My great brotherhood in one great band! Yes! Let all Christians united for me stand!”

From the great task Taylor did not flee, “With Thee, my Lord, one step enough for me, The distant scene holds for me no fear, For during your journey you’re ever near!”

Dark were some of the hours in his life, Many were the foe, much was the strife! Though the weak fell, doubters did condone, Taylor for Christ and Church pushed on!

And from a doomed movement there rose A great fair Church, how it glows, From the mind of Taylor it did arise, Now her spires point to the blue skies!

Where e’er Disciples bend knee today For our great Church we all do pray, And glory that we too share a part Of a movement that began in Taylor’s Heart!

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Cpl. Norman S. Ellington, 37004173
Hqs. Det., 8th Q.M. Regt., A.P.O. 22
San Francisco, Calif.
June 13, 1943

I enjoyed reading the articles in the Plea and was more than elated to see mine in the paper, To date I have received only the first copy but I am sure that I will get the others in time. I show them to many of the soldiers here and they also like the paper. You would be surprised at the popularity of the Plea here. It is much in demand and when my copy goes around the camp it comes back worn thin. But as much as I cherish each issue I feel that I should share the paper with others.

By this time I think that you have received the V-Mail with the writing on Mrs. Mary Van Buren. If it comes out I am sure that you will send a lot of copies to the home town as I now within myself that the paper that it will also be putting our Plea before our people. I have been noticing the clump in circulation and I wonder that the paper is not to blame. I do want Fulton, one the hot spots of the Disciples of Christ movement, to do its part and more for the paper. I think that they will prove that they are willing to support the paper 100%.

Enclosed you will find my photo and poems that I wrote. They are at your disposal to use as you like. If you do use my photo I would like it used with the poem on Preston Taylor. When the issue comes off will you send me more than one copy, let us say five and I will send you the money. The boys want to buy them and I will appreciate your doing that.

Everything is still running smoothly here and I think that you know, from the radio as much as goes on here as I do. I also send Mrs. Taylor a copy of the poem as I think it would be the proper thing to do. I hope at least she liked the effort.

Soon I will have a booklet of poems coming off the press here and I will send you a copy. Until then I remain, Yours in Christ,
Norman S. Ellington

THE CHRISTIAN YOUTH COUNCIL OF NORTH AMERICA

By Miss Evelyn C. Dunn
4427 Aldine Ave.
St. Louis, Mo.

This group is composed of young people and adult leaders from denominational and interdenominational agencies of the United Christian Youth Movement which has as its theme “Build Today for a Christian World.”

The Council met from June 28 to July 3 at College Camp, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, to consider needs of youth which have grown out of the war; new problems that post-war will face; and to plan united Christian action to meet these needs in an adequate Church youth program.

The council youth, guided by adults have planned a program that recognizes the “new” responsibility of today’s Christian Church.

Never before has the church had such a glorious opportunity to reach the unchurched in its own community. The war plant workers, service men and women, conscientious objectors, and youth in war time service, and adjusting racial groups such as Mexicans, Japanese citizens, Bahamians, Negro citizens and other groups, all of these people are a part of our “Disrupted Populations”. Their chief need and desire is Christian youth agree, are like our own and they offer a unique opportunity for us to grow together in the spirit of Christ.

Fellowship that involves social and religious contacts as well a genuine understanding of cultures is needed. The approach is through the community.

We also discussed recreational needs of youth and adults planning programs for them, helping young people participate in a post-war world and helping churches make adjustments in youth programs.

Our task at Lake Geneva has not been finished but it is just begun. I believe as we worked in the work shops, participated in group discussions as we worshipped, prayed and communed together we seemed to realize how valuable our concentrated efforts were and how much greater the force of our united action will be in really “building” together.

“Our Part in Building”

We in our Christian Youth Fellowship are planning to work on a phase of the program in the minds of other Christian youth. Our efforts will lead us to observe, discuss and plan action with the “Juvenile Delinquency” problem in our minds. We are able to draw on rich sources of material and suggestion provided by the Council in helping to meet the needs of this part of our Disrupted Populations. Our plans will be in detailed form involving some first hand experience such as visits to areas that stimulate delinquency, and to courts where cases are tried. Our approach—through the community. Within the area of Columbus, Ohio, an industrial city in which the problem is important. Capable leaders who have had experience in guiding maladjusted youth are leading us in our activities.

We will have well-planned worship and recreation programs which will mean a great deal to our fellowship. I am urging all of our youth groups, C.Y.F., or C.E., state and local to send delegates to our National convention, August 17 to 22 at the Monroe Avenue Christian Church, Columbus, Ohio.
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If we walk in the light, we have fellowship one with the other—1 John, 1-7

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ALL NEWS MUST BE IN BY SEVENTH OF EACH MONTH

**THE NEGRO DISCIPLE CHURCH IN THE LIFE OF AMERICA**

By Helen Henry,
1105 E. 10th St., Waco, Texas

As thinking men and women face the tragedy of what we have determined the most crucial hour in World History and think towards a victorious ending and a victorious peace, they have come to realize that among the outstanding problems which must be solved before we can have such a peace is that of the American Negro. What is to be his status in American society? What role is he to play in the economic, political and sociological roles of American social order? These mores and traditions of the majority group say his status must remain the same. "We must seek his assistance in winning the victory but we must put him back in his place after it's all over." The old excuse that the Negro wants to intermarry is all poppycock, his appeal can be summed up in the words of the Master Economist, the Master Politician, the master sociologist, "in all things whatsoever ye would that men do to you do even so to them". Unless this is realized there can be no victorious peace.

Many Negro disciples are coming to the conclusion that instead of becoming a part of the total disciple brotherhood life of America we are becoming a problem, and to feel thus serves to hinder our growth and progress. And because there is no real oneness in the cause for which we claim to stand we are losing faith in our unity. The chasm broadens as more and more our relationships become strained, our suspicions more outstanding, and our lack of faith more profound. If in the disciple (Christian I love that term better) brotherhood there exists no victorious peace among the race groups who compose it where else shall we seek it? Just as Negroes have questioned why they must shoulder all of the burdens of our democratic way of life if we cannot enjoy all of the joys of a democratic peace? Negro disciples are asking why we must stand in the presence of white people bow lying about conditions and what we suffer in our own hearts because we want something from them and believe that is the way to get it—the vicious type. 2—Those of us who are tired of the struggle and feel that we are out numbered and over powered and the best thing for us to do is close in with some sort of bargain which consigns us to an inferior position,—the Uncle Tom type. 3—The ultra-racial type, who expects nothing to happen as a result of his protests. —The type who revels in eternal agitation for the sake of agitation. —The type who will not lie about conditions or what is in his own heart. —And I am adding those of us who are willing to suffer like as the Apostle Peter and other Apostles for a cause so great as this.

The day must come when we will cease to be so materialistic in our practice of the religion of Jesus. When we can choose a way and having decided to walk in it, there is no way that sets our standard of economic living more in keeping with the economic standard of Jesus we are going to be able to get more done. There are some things Christians must do without. Christ assured us of a very decent standard of living in His sermon on the Mount.

Somehow or other in the very front of our minds is the thought of the man or woman who isn't afraid to kick traps to pieces, feeling that our existence depends upon our clinging on to fellow human beings. There is just one sort of parasite we need to be—Christian parasites, clinging on to Christ. He is the only source through which the Negro Disciples Church will become solidly rooted in the life of America.

**READ THE PLEA**
A VICTORY MESSAGE IN
AUGUST ISSUE
COLLEGE NEWS

JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
Hawkins, Texas

"Around the Campus"
By V. Carney-Waddleton

Floods, then excessive heat, the ripening of fruits and vegetables, and shortage of man power have given rise to and are coloring many activities that are in full swing at Jarvis. The young women are coming into their own from many angles. It is not strange to see a group of women in the berry field picking berries while others are in the kitchen canning as the produce comes in. Another group can be seen in the cane patch hoeing cane, others picking up potatoes, others working in the yard and around the flowers, and still others firing the hot water boiler. The three young men on the campus can be seen here and there, for their work extends from the campus to the field and barn. Even President Washington and Dean Dickson have been actively farming with all that goes with it—overalls, hoe, and rake.

Mr. R. W. Coss has been added to the faculty to help assist Professor Burry and teach agriculture during the regular session.

The summer school enrollment is much smaller than usual, but interest is keen and much is being accomplished from an educational point of view. The Summer Commencement Exercises are scheduled for July 30. There are three candidates for graduation.

Miss Dale Ellis is visiting the Vacation Bible School of the white Baptist Church of Hawkins, was guest speaker in chapel on June 30. Her message dealt with the subject of "Self Denial."

Many of the Jarvis teachers and instructors attended a canning meeting in Quitman last week at which time information was given by a Home Economics Expert from Prairie View College on home canning and dehydration of fruits and vegetables.

The canning program on Jarvis is moving forward in a fine way. Those who frequent the kitchen can see jars of beets, beans, greens, berries, jelly, and cabbage.

In addition to routine activities, President Washington has been working diligently with convention preparations. He is scheduled to go to Greenville on June 22nd during which time plans will be taken under consideration for the convention which will convene there this year. The Ministerial Institute which made such an impression at the convention which was held at Jarvis last year will be conducted at this convention.

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE
Dean's Office

The summer activities of Southern Christian goes on as usual with a number of the girls taking over a number of the duties that were once performed by the boys. The most interesting feature about the summer work at Southern Christian is the fine spirit of the young ladies who carry on the jobs that boys once performed. I am sure you know that we are referring to the man shortage.

Southern Christian is making a very definite effort to increase its college enrollment and from the applications coming to the office it seems that we will be rewarded with an increase. The school is depending on all loyal supporters to help in the student drive.

During the summer Mrs. Charles Mosley is attending school at Tuskegee Institute and Mrs. Homer Thomas is attending Alabama University. Miss Mary Bassett is attending Columbia University. Letters from these teachers state that they are enjoying their work very much and they look forward to an effective and prosperous school year.

While some of the teachers are in school, others are doing a fine job in church and state conferences; President John Long returned to the campus from Ohio where he has just finished working in a conference in that state; after a two days stay on the campus he is to spend a week in the Mississippi Conference. Mrs. Long is now in Ohio serving in a young peoples conference. Mrs. Mirian Terry who is a missionary to India and because of the war is unable to return has served on the faculty of Southern Christian for one year. She is now spending her summer in Conferences in Ohio, Kansas and California.

We are sorry to report that Florence Pollins, the daughter of the dining hall matron, fell on her skates and broke a hip. She is now in the Baptist Hospital in Jackson.

Dean Mosley attended an N.E.A. meeting called in Jackson in the interest of the continuation of N.Y.A. help for the schools. All the colleges of the state were represented, both Negro and white. The meeting was called to secure the general opinion of the Colleges and to register that opinion in Congress. Most of you know that the N.Y.A. has been killed and with its death means the lack of opportunity for some of our boys and girls to receive an education. I now give you an application from a young lady who has neither mother nor father, who graduated with honors and was highly recommended. She was depending on N.Y.A.


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PIEDMONT DISTRICT CONVENTION OF VIRGINIA, WEST VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA
To the Churches, Bible Schools, Missionary Societies, Christian Endeavorers, Ministers, and Usher Boards of the Piedmont District Convention
Greetings:
It is with great pleasure that we send you this memorandum. The 61st Annual Convention of our district will convene with the Fayette Street Christian Church of Martinsville, Virginia, August 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, 1943. The Fayette Street Church is making plans for it coming and has for some time been looking forward with great anticipation to entertaining the 61st session. It is our earnest desire that each church and auxiliary are now making plans to be present at the 1943 convention.

Institute Type Convention:
The 61st session will be conducted as an Institute Type Convention. At our 1942 session in Winston-Salem, N. C., a resolution was adopted that the 1943 session be an institute convention and that the program of the Institute be worked out by the Convention Program Committee and our National Leaders. We are pleased to advise that the National Secretary of Negro Churches came to us for an extended conference in Martinsville, Virginia, and at which time great thought was given to the needs of the Churches, Bible Schools, Missionary Societies, and Young People Groups of the District. Our convention program is being built around the needs of our churches and auxiliaries of the Piedmont District. Copies of the convention program will be mailed to you within the next two weeks.

Special features of the 1943 Institute Convention will be:
1. The Adult Work Section.
2. The Youth Work Section.
3. The Observation Bible School. Other information will be sent to you very soon.

Registration Fees:
The 1942 convention adopted a recommendation that the registration fee be $2.00 for all delegates and visitors attending the convention and desiring lodging and board. The Executive Committee and officials of the entertaining church have discussed the registration fee of $2.00 very thoroughly.

Although the cost of living has greatly increased since the 1942 session, we feel that since the fee was set by the convention that it remain and that when ever amount it feels justified. We do not want to work a hardship on our local church in providing entertainment for the convention. We would appreciate very much your reaction to this suggestion. Further suggestions will be made later.

Time of Opening 61st Session:
In view of the fact that we are having an institute type convention and that more time should be given to study, meditation, and planning in the different departments of the program, it has been agreed by the Executive Committee and the entertaining church upon the recommendation of Brother R. H. Peoples, Secretary of Negro Churches and Director of the 61st session of the Piedmont District Convention officially open on a Wednesday evening, August 4th instead of on Thursday morning, August 5th. On the night of the local church will have charge of the program of welcome; special sermon will be delivered; registration of delegates; appointment of committees by all departments of the convention; and other matters pertaining to the Thursday morning program. It is earnestly requested that all delegates from the churches and auxiliaries be present for the Wednesday night meeting.

Convention Fees:
We trust that you are at work collecting the convention fees.

Church—"The convention claims be $1.00 for adults and 25 cents for children—this said amount to stipulate the Honor Roll."

Bible School—"That the convention claims be $3.00 as a district registration fee."

Missionary Society—"That the convention claims be 50 cents per member."

Usher Board—"That each Board pay $3.00 as a district registration fee."

Ministers' Union—"That all local elders be urged to enroll in the ministerial union, paying $1.00 as do ministers, entitling them to same benefits."

Christian Endeavor Society—"That each member of the Christian Endeavor local societies send to the district convention 15 cents for convention claims and 2/3 of this money be sent to the District Treasurer or reported at the Pre-Convention Session during March."

Support the work by seeing to it that your church, Bible school, missionary society, usher board, minister, and Christian endeavor report 100% on convention claims.

Constitution Committee:
Your constitution committee has met as per your instructions and has drafted a proposed constitution for the District to be presented for your approval at the 1943 session. If you have any suggestions to make.
cerning the constitution, we will be very glad to receive them.

National Convention:

We realize the importance of having an active strong National Convention of the Disciples of Christ. Your support to its program is desired. If you have not already observed National Convention Day in your church, please do so before July 31, and send your remittance to Dr. J. E. Walker, Treasurer, Memphis, Tennessee. Brother W. H. Taylor, president of the National Convention, is a product of the Piedmont District and deserves our support. Stand by him by sending $1.00 for each member of your church to the National Treasurer. You will receive benefits from such an effort.

Small Churches:

We trust that at the 1943 session that a program will be adopted that will help very substantially our small churches, especially our rural churches. The type of convention that we have to have this year will help these churches in some degree to cope with their problems, but not enough. We must see to it that a District Evangelist is put on the field in the Piedmont District. We can do it if we so desire.

"The convention institute program grew out of the need in the local church for program building and leadership training. All age groups are taken into account. The entire family and every department in the church may expect to see congeniality for fellowship, leadership and program development."

We are indeed sorry that because of restriction in travel, shortage of gas and rubber, we were not permitted to visit each of the churches in the District and talk with you concerning the cause of Discipleship in your section, but our interest in the work has not wavered and with the cooperation and team work from all of you a great work can be done.

There are other matters that we desire to advise with you about, but time will not permit at this writing. You will be hearing from us again before the convention.

Until then may the spirit of our Lord and Saviour keep and protect you and restrain our hearts and minds from selfish motives and personal ambitions, and give us an unselfish spirit to work and to labor for the interest of and welfare of our fellowman.

Yours in Christ,
The Executive Committee
Piedmont District Convention
A. I. Terrell, Chairman
Winston-Salem Teachers College
Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Mrs. E. G. Starling, Secretary
Route 1, Box 5
Martinsville, Virginia

WEHRMAN AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Cincinnati, Ohio

By Mrs. Margaret Allen Thomas

Sorrow was in our hearts and we were as those having no hope. Our leader of thirty-one years had finished his work and gone to receive his reward.

Rev. Martin Floyd Frazier had bequeathed to us his zeal, determination and the construction of a new edifice dedicated to God that at seventy-eight years of age through labor and untiring efforts caused him to cross the narrow stream.

However, God in his infinite mercy has seen fit to bless us and cause his face to shine upon us in sending Rev. J. L. Dickerson of Oxford, Ohio.

A man of God teaching us the Christian way by his stirring sermons and quiet manner.

On June 27, 1943, Rally Day, we raised $419.00. This money is to be placed in our Building Fund in order that we shall soon be able to worship God under our own vine and fig tree.

We have come to the dawn of a new day and we give thanks for a Father in Heaven who never has and never shall fail us.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The Piedmont District Convention
The Sixty-first Annual Session of the Piedmont District Convention will be held with Jerusalem Christian Church (Campbranch) Martinsville, R. I. on August 5, 6, 7, and 8th, 1943.

Rev. S. H. Hairston, President

ECHOES OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF STUART VIRGINIA


Thelma E. Staples Loggins, reporter.

We were sorry to be informed of the illness of our beloved pastor in person of Rev. B. A. Douglas. We hope that soon he will be on the road of recovery. We enjoyed the services rendered by Rev. A. M. Anderson who was accompanied by his wife Mrs. A. M. Anderson.

The members and officers and friends of Stuart Church look forward to the soul stirring services of our pastor who is always accompanied by his beloved wife Mrs. B. A. Douglass. She greets everyone that she meets with a smile.

Rev. Douglass in his last meeting with the officers and members made preparations for a Rally starting June 6, 1943 and ending July 18. In order to raise money for the Rally the pastor formed various Clubs. Ten clubs were formed each with a separate captain.

The captains are as follows:

Club No. 1—Miss Reva Staples.
Club No. 2—Miss Glynn Tatum.
Club No. 3—Mrs. Joe Loggins.
Club No. 4—Mrs. Grace Griffith.
Club No. 5—Mr. George Houckins.
Club No. 6—Mr. Rufus Staples.
Club No. 7—Mrs. Hattie Rucker.
Club No. 8—Mr. Oneal Spencer.
Club No. 9—Mr. Joe Laggins.
Club No. 10—Miss Housie Rucker.

Each Captain is responsible for the raising of $15.00 each.

Miss Lois V. Rucker has been appointed the position of Corresponding Secretary.

EVERGREEN CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS

Eld. H. J. Johnson, Pastor
Mrs. Alice Conway, Reporter
422 W. Force St.
Valdosta, Ga.

We had a soul stirring revival at the Evergreen Christian Church the week of May 8-21. With three additions, one for baptism and two from a distant Christian Church.

Elder McCarthy Anthony Brown from Winston-Salem, N. C. conducting. We also had a fine District Convention held at the Pine Hill Christian Church near Quitman, Ga. A minister came over with us by name of Eld J. W. Wingfield and is now carrying on the mercy seat Christian Church near Thomasville, Ga., acting as pastor there. Surely the Lord is with us, as we travel up the King's highway.

ELDER LETTON CALLED TO GEORGETOWN, KENTUCKY

Rev. George E. Letton, Pastor
Eld. E. H. Keene, Reporter
Chambers Street
Georgetown, Ky.

The members of the Second Christian Church at Georgetown, Kentucky, are happy to report that we have called as our Pastor, Rev. George E. Letton of Covington, Kentucky.

For the past two months Rev. Letton has been serving us two Sundays out of the month, but has called recently as full time pastor.

Since he has been coming to us we have noticed an increase in Church spirit, attendance and finance.

We are asking you to join us in praying for our continued success.

CALIFORNIA NEWS — AVALON CHURCH OUT OF RED

"We already have $1000 in cash," was the reply of Pastor Baxter Duke of Avalon Church, when asked how the program of raising the church debt was going. The State Board secured the consent of the Board of Church Extension to cancel one-third
BLUEFIELD, WEST VA. NEWS

Anne Keeling, Reporter

107 Jones Street

"Remember me thy creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them."—Ecclesiastes 12:1.

On June a Junior Missionary Society was organized. The following officers were elected:

Sponsor—Mrs. V. Morrison
President—Miss G. Charterton
Vice President—Clay Dickerson
Secretary—Lena Jordan
Assistant Secretary—Alice Carter
Treasurer—Mrs. V. Morrison
Chaplain—Bettye Dickerson

One of the most inspiring revivals was conducted at the Jones Street Christian Church by Elder Thomas Brooks of Vicksburg, Mississippi. Elder Brooks is the son of Mrs. Carrie Goodman and nephew of the Rev. G. M. Dickerson.

Elder Brooks is noted as a gospel singer and preacher. During his visit here fifteen new members were added to the church, and $145.00 was raised.

We wish Elder Brooks much success in his work.

And let us as Christians give our support spiritually and financially in the promotion of a worthy cause. The Usher Board presented Rev. G. M. Dickerson, preacher, teacher and poet with original poems and songs to an appreciative audience.

Rev. Dickerson, age 71 years young had charge of the entire program and it was remarkable to observe his ability to recite from memory.

Rev. G. M. Dickerson is the pastor of the Jones Street Christian Church of Bluefield.

On the Sick List

Earnest Hayes, son of Mr. Philip Hayes has been very ill. We wish Earnest a speedy recovery.

Surprise Shower

The Usher Board recently presented our President, Mrs. Moss, with a surprise shower in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Keeling.

Many useful gifts were received by the honoree.

Among the guest present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Moss, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morrison, Mesdames: R. E. Keeling, Majorie Anderson, Orra Redd, Mary Rippy, James Keeling, Misses Geraldine Charlton, Lena Jordan, Anne Keeling, Louise Anderson, Lillian Dickerson, Mr. Chas. Thompson.

Many people put off doing deeds of kindness until it is too late. Instead of giving flowers to the living who are able to enjoy them, they reserve their bouquets for the funerals of those who have died. If we wish to show our gratitude, why not show it to our friends now, while they can appreciate our love and solicitude. Do we feel the inner glow that comes from the grateful response of those who have said from the way we have lived and treated others "This is brotherly love?"

With Our Army

We congratulate Harold Woody on his recent promotion to Sergeant. Sergeant Woody, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Woody is stationed in New Jersey.

FOUR OAKS NORTH CAROLINA NEWS

Mrs. Ida Williams,

Four Oaks, N. C.

Please allow us space in your paper to say a few words in regard to our old church at Bentonville, Johnston county, the old mother church of the Western Disciples of Christ assembly.

Elder W. L. Williams, pastor; our church is doing fine under the leadership of Elder Williams. Last Sunday was our pastoral day. We had it grand all day. Sunday morning Elder W. L. Williams preached from St. Matthew 16:18: "Upon this rock I will build my church;" he well proved the old church.

Sunday evening at 3 p. m., Elder M. C. Cray preached from Acts 10. On next fourth Sunday Elder Charles McClairum of Fayetteville is expected to worship with us, with his church Pleasant Union.

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TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION
—To be held with—
Monroe Avenue Christian Church
Columbus, Ohio
C. W. Arnold, Minister

August 17-22, 1943

Theme: "Victory With Christ"
1 John 5:4

Tuesday—August 17
10:00 a.m.—National Board Meeting
12:15 Lunch
2:00 National Board Meeting
6:00 Supper
8:00 Local Church Program
Response to welcome—C. L. Parks, Texas.
Message—President W. H. Taylor, Maryland
Benediction—M. C. Dickson, Virginia

Wednesday Morning
7:00-8:30 a.m. Breakfast
Ministers Conference
Ministers Wives’ Conference
8:45-9:45 Convention Conferences
10:00 Presiding—Pres. W. H. Taylor, Maryland
Hymn—Prayer
10:10 Convention Call—Pres. W. H. Taylor
10:40 Hymn
10:45 Presentation of National Convention Program
Discussion
11:30 Worship—Christian Youth Fellowship
Sermon—"The Gospel of Christ, the Hope of a Tottering World."—R. L. Searcy, Oklahoma
12:15 Benediction—Frank Lewis, Alabama
12:30 Dinner

Wednesday Afternoon
2:00 Presiding—R. H. Davis, Illinois
Hymn—Prayer
2:10 Forum—Evangelism—S. S.
TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
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1. Report of all National Convention Officers
2. Report of Executive Committee of National Convention
3. Appointment of Committees (All departments)
5:00 Supper

Wednesday Evening
7:45 Prelude
8:00 Presiding—W. H. Taylor, Maryland
Worship—Christian Youth Fellowship
8:20 Address—Dr. W. R. Walker, Ohio
Hymn
8:40 Sermon—S. S. Myers, Missouri
9:15 Offering, Announcements, Introductions
10:10 Benediction—F. W. Mitchell, California

Thursday Morning
7:00-8:30 Breakfast
8:45-9:45 Conferences
10:00 Presiding—Mrs. Johnnie Kirkpatrick, Kentucky
Hymn and Prayer
President's Message—Mrs. Johnnie Kirkpatrick
Drama—The Christian Home—Carnella L. Jamison (Leader), Indiana
Story of Missionary Dollar—Mrs. H. B. Marx, Indiana
11:30 Worship—Christian Youth Fellowship
Sermon—Rev. C. H. Webb, North Carolina
12:15 Benediction—B. C. Duke, California
12:30 Dinner

Thursday Afternoon
2:00 Presiding—W. H. Taylor, Maryland
Hymn and Prayer
2:10 Forum—Church Extension, John Booth, Indiana
Eli W. Wilbert, (Leader), Ohio
3:00 Business:
Report of Field Workers
R. H. Peoples, Indiana
Carnella L. Jamison, Indiana
Christian Plea Editor—Merrl R. Eppse, Tennessee
Report of Committees
5:00 Benediction—W. F. Whitfield, Washington, D. C.

Thursday Evening
7:45 Prelude
8:00 Presiding—Mrs. Johnnie Kirkpatrick, Kentucky
Worship—Christian Youth Fellowship
8:20 Solo—Mrs. Rosa P. Welch, Illinois
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Mr. James Tatum, $33.00 Honorable mention; Miss Reva Staples, $31.00; Mr. George Houchins, Jr., $21.00. Total amount brought in $200.20—$50.20 over the goal. This money is to be used to help pay on the indebtedness of the church.

The pastor wishes to thank each and every one who helped. A special tribute of appreciation is hereby given our white citizens of Stuart for their most liberal contributions.

Signed,

Members of Stuart Negro Publicity Committee.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
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Message—Mrs. Cora Jordan White, Ohio
9:00 College Hour — Jarvis and Southern Christian Institute Offering
10:00 Benediction—H. J. Johnson, Georgia

Friday Morning

7:00-8:30 Breakfast
8:45-9:45 Conferences
10:00 Presiding—Mrs. Laura Shumate, Ohio
10:10 President’s Message—R. L. Jordan, Michigan
10:20 Panel—Christian Education in War Time, Owen W. Kellison, (Leader) Discussion
10:30 Worship—Christian Youth Fellowship Sermon— “Triumphantly Victorious with Christ.”— Walter J. Bryant, California
12:15 Benediction — Arthur Cross, Michigan
12:30 Dinner

Friday Afternoon

Presiding—R. H. Davis, Illinois
2:00 Hymn and Prayer
2:10 Forum—Negro and the War, J. D. Locker, Ohio; J. E. Bean (Leader)
3:00 Business—All departments Church Women’s Bible School C. E. and C. Y. F.
5:00 Benediction—W. O. Gill, Texas

Friday Evening

Presiding—R. L. Jordan, Michigan
7:45 Prelude
8:00 Worship—Colleges, S. C. I. and Jarvis
8:20 College Hour
9:10 Sermon—“The Kingdom of God in The World Today.”—C. W. Blackburn, Indiana Offering, Announcements
10:00 Benediction—G. E. Lakes, Kansas

Saturday Morning

7:00-8:30 Breakfast
8:45-9:45 Conferences
Presiding—Foster Craggett, Ohio
10:00 Hymn and Prayer
10:00 President’s Message— Evelyn Dunn—Missouri
11:30 Worship—C. Y. F. Sermon—Richard Saunders, Kentucky
12:15 Benediction—W. M. Walker, Kentucky

MISSISSIPPI CHURCHES GROW

Jackson, Mississippi

The churches of Jackson are going upward after several set-backs in losing members to the armed forces and defense work. The two churches have lost a total of eleven (11) in one and five (5) in the other.

Nevertheless, the North Jackson Church has completed one of the largest financial drives in the history of the church. On August 1st we raised one hundred and forty-nine (Continued on Page 5)

ELDER R. L. PETERS
National Evangelist
Winston-Salem, N. C.

DR. J. E. WALKER
National Treasurer
President, Universal Life Ins. Co.
President, National Business League
Memphis, Tennessee

ELDER R. WESLEY WATSON
Former President of National Convention and Tri-State Evangelist of Missouri, Oklahoma and Kansas, Kansas City, Mo.
ECHOES FROM THE SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION OF THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Jonesboro, Tenn., July 22-25

Delegates representing nine churches, nine church schools, five missionary societies and two Christian Endeavors, came from Bristol, Rogersville, Knoxville, Johnson City, Washington College, Nashville, and Memphis. The financial reports of this convention showed a marked improvement over previous years. Total amount collected $234.23.

Our ministers were at their best delivering spiritual and inspirational sermons morning and night.

The following ministers attended the convention; Elder A. C. Coakley, Elder D. W. Bradley, Elder H. E. Braden, Elder E. A. Daniels, Elder Samuel Russel, Elder S. Kenney.

Nashville has been selected as a regular meeting place of the state convention.

The following officers were elected: Church Department—Elder D. W. Bradley, president; Elder H. E. Braden, vice president; Elder E. A. Daniels, secretary; Elder J. W. Hamilton, treasurer.

Women's Missionary Society—Miss Emmaline Bradley, president; Mrs. Rosa Griffith, vice president; Miss Mollie Ruth Payne, secretary.

Church School—Dr. Wm. Schley, president; Miss Bennie Wilson, vice president; Miss M. R. Payne, secretary.

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We take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks for the courtesies shown us in the homes, church and Booker T. Washington School.

Reporting Committee—Rev. E. A. Daniels, Miss Mary K. Carter, secretary; Miss Beatrice Candler.

MONEY TURNED OVER TO MRS. PRESTON TAYLOR FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 1942

1. Elder S. Kinney, Johnson City, Tennessee (cash) ... 50
2. W. L. Allison, Route 1, Box 163, Jonesboro, Tennessee (cash) ... 50
3. John Grey, 262 Court St., Lawrenceburg, Kentucky (cash) ... 1.00
4. Miss Carnella Jamison for Rev. A. R. Huff, 4844 Tennessee Avenue, Lawrence, Kansas (stamps) ... 50
5. Mrs. D. S. Dudley for Mr. John E. Barber, 155 Lee Ave., New Brunswick, N. J. ... 1.00
6. Rev. J. F. Whittingfield, 3726 11th St., N. W., Washington, D. C. ... 1.00
7. Rev. C. L. Whitfield, 1835 Division St., Baltimore, Maryland ... 1.00
8. Mrs. O. L. Bridgewater, 2439 Appleton street, Parsons, Kansas ... 1.00
9. Mrs. James Adkins, 1408 Wabash St., Wichita, 6, Kansas ... 1.00
10. Mrs. C. L. Welch, 532 Box, Frankford, Missouri ... 1.00
11. Mrs. H. A. M. Singleton, 2916 W. Walnut St., Louisville, Ky. ... 2.00
12. Rev. R. Tibbs Maxey, Jr., Box 3, Loveland, Ohio ... 1.00

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PROF. MERL R. EPPSE
Editor, Christian Plea
Nashville, Tennessee
Dear Brethren in Christ,

This article is an account of some activities of the East Main Street Christian Church in Xenia, Ohio.

First, we are proud to say that our church is steadily advancing up the King’s highway under the able leadership of Rev. Leslie Smith and his talented wife. The Smith family has proven a great asset to the church inasmuch as all of them are active workers. Before the induction of Leslie Smith, Jr., into the Armed Forces, Mrs. Smith and three of her sons were singing in the choir regularly, a factor which greatly helped the Reverend Smith bring a more forceful message knowing that all his loved ones were helping him boost the work.

The spiritual progress of the church has been remarkable and we must say that it has been years since the church has thrived in the way it is now. Our congregations on Sunday mornings are doubling, new souls are being brought into the fold and the church interest is running at a high level. Cooperation abounds on every hand and we have successfully completed a very tedious and difficult project—that of decorating the interior of our church. It is now being spoken of as the nicest decorated church in the city.

One unique feature of the inside decoration is the painting and freehand drawing of designs on all the walls of the church. This was done by one of the town’s most outstanding decorators. The installation of new lights, drapes, rugs, windows and the purchase of palms, and many other minor details that go to make a church beautiful have been done.
our church and its work. Several outstanding community citizens have spoken for us and expressed their pleasure in being asked to do so and commended us for our progress.

Easter we had our first sunrise service for many, many years and it was quite a success. Being the only one of its kind in the city many attended and were glad to do so because some of them were newcomers to the town and were accustomed to attending such services in their various home towns and did not wish to break the tradition. Thereby we made new friends.

We need not remind you of the successful session of the state convention which met here with us last July. This year our pastor and the choir was chosen to bring the message to the graduates of the high school at their annual Baccalaureate service. Rev. Smith was chosen as the speaker for the Annual Soldiers' Sermon which was held Memorial Day here at the church for the Veterans of other wars. The choir furnished special music.

Organizational work is moving along smoothly. Mrs. Ola Banks is president of the Missionary Society, and Mr. James Dickerson, is Superintendent of the Sunday School assisted by Mr. Harris, an ardent worker in all divisions of the church.

We are proud to announce that we are ever participating in an evolving culture. This year two of our young men who are members of the choir received their high school diplomas. They were Mr. Eugene McKinney and Mr. John Kendall. Every young member of this church plays an important part in the activities of the school and community as well as the church. Paul Smith, son of Rev. and Mrs. Smith is very popular as a member of the choir, high school band, and of the Junior class. Our hats are off to the youth of our church who are doing so splendidly in their every endeavor. Several of our boys have entered the Armed Forces and we are praying for their safe return. Trusting that you will pray for our continued success in kingdom building.

GAY ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH
706 Gay Street
Nashville, Tennessee

Should you chance to walk down Gay Street between Seventh and Eighth Avenues or in the surrounding territory you would behold one great structural improvement. We have a new roof and the inside re-decorations is well under way. We feel that God is with "our few" in number and under the leadership of Dr. D. L. Hambrick, the elders and deacons, the faithful few members with the aid of kind friends, we have been very successful in accomplishing a great undertaking. We wish to express our appreciation to the most generous out of town brothers and sisters of the nation namely, Miss C. Jamison of Indianapolis, Indiana, Elder W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor of Maryland; Elder R. H. Davis of Illinois; Elder M. C. Dickson of Virginia; Elder C. W. Arnold of Ohio; Elder N. J. Dickerson of West Virginia; Elder A. J. Jeffries of Alabama; Dr. P. C. Washington of Texas; Mr. T. W. Courts of Michigan, also our Nashville friends.

We wish to express the appreciation of having the fellowship of Bro. Frank McCree of St. Louis, a descendant of one of the church's oldest families. Bro. McCree is in our city

ELDER R. L. SEARCY
Convention Speaker
Tulsa, Oklahoma

ELDER G. W. GORE, Sr.
Pastor Gay Street Christian Church
Nashville, Tennessee

ELDER L. L. DICKERSON
Corresponding Secretary
National Convention
Covington, Kentucky

Financially we are prospering in an amazing way. Recently we had a rally to obtain funds for painting; goal was $100, but when the final day arrived the proceeds amounted to $200. Our regular Sunday offerings are exceptionally good in all departments.

Each day we are becoming more and more recognized as an important and influential institution in the community. Several times we have given musicals and the audience was filled to capacity, thus bringing in people from this and surrounding towns who were not familiar with
Although there have been very few activities at Second Christian Church this summer, the following are outstanding:

May was observed as the month for tithing. In order that the membership get into the spirit of the idea, each organization of the church used tithing for a topic to study and discuss at their regular monthly meetings. The Sunday morning services for the month of May were planned around the thought of tithing. At the close of the period set aside for this project, over seven-hundred dollars had been paid into the church treasury.

A new organization among the young married folk of the church has been formed. They call themselves the Twentieth Century Couples Club. This club has a nursery in the basement of the church and on Sunday morning during morning worship, parents who have children under twelve years of age, leave them in the nursery where they are cared for and entertained by members of this club. In this way parents need not be fearful of their children’s disturbing the morning service.

The Rev. R. H. Peoples has been called as the next pastor of the church. He will take charge the first of October. Rev. Peoples recently called a meeting of all the officers of the various organizations of the church for the purpose of getting suggestions that might help improve the church. A similar meeting was held with the Official Board.

On Sunday, August 8th, the church had a “Retreat” at Bethany Park. After morning service at the park, there was a basket dinner and a period for recreation. The day was closed with a Vesper Hour. The youth of the church had charge of this last period.

We are hoping to have some people of national fame to drop in for the occasion. On the afternoon of August 29, an old-fashioned basket dinner will be held in hope of a great and grand fellowship.

Although few in number Gay Street Christian Church is slowly but surely returning to the fame of olden days. We ask the prayers of all the brotherhood.

N.B.—All former members. If you can’t be with us send us a card. You are always welcome to the Church on Capital Hill.

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President Texas Christian Convention
Austin, Texas

Winchester, Kentucky
August 4, 1943

Dear Plea Readers:
Greetings from the Blue Grass region of Kentucky.

Our church here is getting ready to celebrate its Diamond Jubilee in September. Seventy-five years of continuous service to a community is no little boast. We are very proud of our little church home including the flower spot of Winchester, the parsonage.

We assumed the redecorating and building debt of our church last December and up to date, we are ahead in our monthly payments, and feel...
ELDER W. O. GILL
Dean Jarvis Christian College
Hawkins, Texas

sure we may be able to fight clear of the debts in September. We have two clubs beside our regular church auxiliaries at work in the church and both clubs are pledged to the work of clearing the debt. One of the clubs has planned a fall or summer bazaar to be held out on the back lawn of the church and much success is anticipated in proceeds. We have just returned from a very successful state convention held at Covington and rejoiced to make a round report from the church department. We were rejoiced to receive a visit from our boy on furlough last month from the Great Lakes Training Station. Our little church has given some of its very best young men and women up this year because of the war. Three of our brightest girls have taken unto themselves soldier husbands and thus are more or less absent with their husbands.

The young men are doing their part in bringing peace out of this world-wide confusion. Pray for them. Hoping to greet a goodly number of you at our national convention in Columbus if we reach there safely, in August.

I am, respectfully yours for kingdom building.

Elder William Owens,
Pastor, Broadway Christian Church,
Winchester, Ky.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
July 28, 1943
Box 25
Tillman, Miss.

Dear Editor,

Allow space for a few words concerning our State Church School Convention, which convened in Fayette, Mississippi, July 16-18, 1943.

The meeting opened Friday evening with a delicious lunch, and local program rendered by the local Church School. Saturday was devoted to the business of the meeting. Officers for 1943-44 are as follows: president—J. A. Wilson, District 2; vice-president—A. J. Stamply, District 1; secretary—C. E. Chambliss, District 1; assistant secretary, Miss J. A. Jordan, Mound Bayou District; treasurer, O. B. Barnes, District 1. Board members are: District 1—E. M. Williams; District 2, M. N. Brown; Mound Bayou District, C. A. Watts; field secretary, E. L. Brown.

Saturday night was given to the Christian Endeavor—Money raised $19.61. Sunday morning we heard a soul-stirring sermon by Elder Heath, Jackson, Mississippi. Money raised in this meeting including all departments $250.15. Our next meeting will be with the Clarkesdale Church School.

Bernice Weaver Green,
Reporter District 1

LONDON CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS
Elder William Walker
Box 176, London, Ky.,

Cecile Gertrude Smith, Reporter

Well, another glorious missionary church year has closed and we are looking forward to a more glorious one.

Each department realized the challenge they were facing and worked fearlessly and often with sacrifice to finish their year victoriously.

There were four young people to Conference and two adults to the Seminar.

ELDER J. N. DICKERSON
Jones Street Christian Church
Bluefield, West Virginia

Seven from London attended the state convention at Covington. Namely, Elder and Mrs. William Walker; Misses Tamma A. Riley, May Dora Elliott, Minnie Edna Elliott and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Smith.

Brother Walker filled his pulpit at Columbia and Asher last Sunday. London won the state banner for a whole year this time.

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GREETINGS FROM “DOWN UNDER”

By Captain Jason M. Cowan
Chaplain, U.S.A.

The January 1943 Christian Plea finally caught up with me in August. This is not a reflection upon the circulation department for in the excitement of departure I failed to give notice of the change of address. This belated copy of the Plea was a welcome addition to my library of Disciple periodicals, The Evangelist, World Call, and The Front Rank. These I share with “Padre” McCulloch, an enlightened Baptist of the Australian Army who concedes that our literature is second to none.

Someone wrote recently that with the Negro Disciples, “History is in the making.” How true this seems to be from the following resume of epoch items garnered from the above publications as well as from other sources. Among them: the resignation of seventy-five per cent of S. C.’s competent and progressive instructional staff during 1941 and 1942 and the United Society’s continued retention of the president and his wife in spite of all that the Home Department knows about their unfitness for their position; the final awakening of the National Convention to its inability to support a field secretary; the transition of another one of our “spiritual fathers” in the passing of J. B. Lehman, teacher, brother, and friend; the only sensible and practical analysis and approach to the problems of our rural churches which I have had the pleasure of reading, thanks to Prof. W. O. Gill, although Word Call relegated the best article in the December 1942 issue to page 30, and six to nine point type; the splendid article by Rev. L. L. Dickerson which ought to move our stolid and indifferent constituency to more than casual interest in the business end of our institutions, and how necessary it is at times that funds

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TO THE CHURCHES AND BRETHREN EVERYWHERE
GREETINGS

By W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor, President of the National Convention.

I rejoice with you over our success at the Columbus Convention, but we cannot stop now. We have only scratched the surface. “We have just begun to fight”. The great task of Evangelism, Church Aid, Minister’s Aid, Christian Education, The Christian Plea and the gathering of Finance to do this task is before us.

In the flush of enthusiasm, it is easy to make extravagant promises, which later, when unforeseen circumstances arise, may be difficult of fulfillment. I shall not indulge in such a gesture. I will say, however, that I shall perform my official duties as efficiently as possible, and with a keen sense of right and justice. I shall preach and teach in no uncertain terms against open membership. I shall not indulge in such a gesture. I will say, however, that I shall perform my official duties as efficiently as possible, and with a keen sense of right and justice. I shall preach and teach in no uncertain terms against open membership. I shall preach the Diety of Jesus, the Supreme Authority of the New Testament on all questions of faith and order, and I will “earnestly contend for the faith” and zealously guard the heritage left us by the Taylors, Smiths, Browns, Walkers, Herods, Loudegbaeks, Spencers, Thomases, Hancocks, Alphans, Dickersons, and a host of others too numerous to mention, who gave their last full measure of devotion to the Christ and the Church he established. I will reject as my leaders those who do not teach, practice, or believe those things which the Christian Church has held to be mandatory and essential.

I thank you for the trust you have reposed in me, for your sincere expressions, friendship and loyalty, and for the advice and assistance which I will need and of which I shall feel free to avail myself.

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$4,058.00 Raised By National Convention

NATIONAL NEGRO CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION HOLDS SUCCESSFUL ANNUAL MEET AT COLUMBUS, OHIO, AUGUST 17-23

$4,058.00 Raised During Year

Commission Formed to Study Ways and Means of Improving Work Among Negroes

By Merl R. Eppse

Nashville, Tennessee—Despite the many hardships and sacrifices that we are all called upon to undergo, 147 delegates of the Negro Disciples assembled for their 27th annual convention with the Monroe Avenue Christian Church, Columbus, Ohio, August 17-23. These delegates came from as far west as California, from the east, representatives were from New Jersey, Maryland, the District of Columbia, North Carolina and from the south, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee and Texas.

The theme of the convention was “Victory With Christ”. From the opening of the sessions with a program of welcome by Lieutenant Governor Paul M. Herbert, Mayor Floyd F. Green, Dr. W. R. Walker, pastor of the Indiana Church of Christ and representatives of many local churches, civic and social organizations to the last session Sunday evening, there was demonstrated a mind to work, good preaching, much planning, generous giving and fine fellowship.

Among the many recommendations which were approved as a basis for future work were: (1) State and Districts shall not suspend their conventions for 1944 unless absolutely necessary; (2) The Executive Board shall cooperate with the U.C.M.S. in giving guidance to the selection of National Negro Field workers; (3) The National Institute shall be used as a training agency; (4) That unorganized states shall be represented by individual churches cooperating; (5) The
NATIONAL NEGRO CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION
(Continued from Page 1)

President of the National Convention with two others to work with the Piedmont District until the next session has been secured. (6) The National Convention will pay half of the expenses of Dr. George Campbell when state or area ministerial institutes desire his services; (8) A commission composed of representatives of the U.C.M.S. and the National Convention be formed to study plans and make suggestions on a long range program for Brotherhood work. The Negroes had previously elected President William Taylor, Chairman, Elder Cleo Blackburn, Indianapolis; Dr. J. E. Walker, Memphis, Tennessee; Elder L. L. Dickerson, Covington, Kentucky; Prof. M. R. Epps, Nashville, Tennessee; Elder S. S. Myers, Kansas City, Missouri; Miss Carnella Jamison, Indianapolis, Indiana; and Elder R. H. Peoples, Indianapolis, Indiana.

While the Inter-Agency Council did not report yet the Scholarship Committee granted scholarships to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Courts; Eugene James, Thomas Griffin, Dorothy Rutledge, M. Frances Wilson, Ophelia Caston and Ruth Neeley.

The Convention approved of the State Secretaries (white) cooperating with the Negro work in their respective states.

Among the many people who attended the Convention were Mrs. R. H. Dean, Vice-President of the U. C. M. S.; Mrs. H. B. Marx; Hon. Edwin Everett. Standard Publishing Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Budget for next year is $3,000 and each member is to contribute at least $1.00. Elder Peoples gave a history of the Negro work as his report, while Miss Carnella Jamison's report showed that $2,427.57 was collected from Missionary organizations which was a gain of $294.58 over last year.

Elder William Taylor, Baltimore, Maryland was elected President; Elder L. L. Dickerson, Covington, Ky., Secretary; Thomas Griffen, President of C.Y.P.; Elder R. L. Jordan, President of Bible School; Miss Johnnie Kirkpatrick, President of Woman's Work, and Prof. M. R. Epps, Editor of the Christian Plea; and Dr. J. E. Walker was re-elected Treasurer. They voted to go to Lexington, Kentucky, for the next year's meeting.

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from a “part” must be shared for the general good of the “whole,” from the voice of experience; the sensible recognition by "Dr." R. H. Peoples that when usefulness ends in an untenable position, it may begin in another one (wonder when we're going to learn to quit ridiculing our ministers with the indiscriminate use of unearned and unwarranted titles); the successful venture of Rev. P. A. Gray into the field of cultural promotion, making new demands and suggestions, and to that characteristic of a certain popular animal from Missouri so famous for doing its own thinking; and finally, the alarm and consternation about only 152 vacant pulpits in our midst again, I wonder how many of the 152 a man with a family would have to attempt to pastor in order to earn a living under the caption, "This one is a home." From this remote corner of the earth where “Every prospect pleases, and only man is vile,” there is a realism in all that we do that makes us wonder if the folk at home are awake to the changing complexion of the world. Tens of thousands of men are losing the acute conscious distinctions of kind and religion under the pressure of hostile peoples and environment. We wonder, too, if the folk at home realize the potential consequences of a “Third Front” in the post-war United States unless preparation is made NOW to receive men whose “Minds have been stretched by new ideas and cannot shrink back to former dimensions.” Therefore, those who are making history at home should be very, very careful about the equality of the historical mixture they are brewing. I leave this theme with the wish that Negro Disciples will permit their young men at least a fifty-fifty percentage of sharing the high offices among us, and that their counsel be heard in all plans for the future lest we lose control of them to the more aggressive and progressive pursuits and institutions.

Since leaving the states all of my boyhood dreams about seeing the world have been satisfied. After an anticipated ride in a native out-rigger canoe, I shall have been on or in every type of transportation that moves on land, sea, and in the air. New strange plants, animals, birds, and flowers pass in review and keeps one in a state of continuous awe at the marvelous handiwork of Nature. Almost as varied, and far more interesting, are the representatives of the nations and peoples found in the armies and navies of our allies in the Southwest Pacific. Now that we are united in a common struggle for existence there is a spirit of comradeship that should be just as evident when we shall again be blest with peace. It is our fervent hope that the contacts with other cultures, and religions, and race which our American soldiers are experiencing will make us more tolerant and considerate of each other in the “land of the free, and the home of the brave.” My work among the troops is as varied and interesting and as challenging as that in civilian pulpits and classrooms. A chaplain’s day cannot be planned beyond a general desire to do a few definite things, “if.” A chaplain’s day is filled with the sharing of problems which sometimes disappear with the telling, miles of “Jeeze” riding over roads which vary from dust to mud with the weatherman’s whims to visit hospitals or camp areas, conferences with officers related to the welfare and morale services, and an hour of worship in a company area in the evening. There is some movement every afternoon, or evening, with the usual American outdoor games, movies, or one of the popular special service shows. In spite of all these diversions, the most popular period of the day is when mail from home is distributed. An entire volume could be written about the relation between the spirit and efficiency of our soldiers and the kind of news they hear or fail to hear from home.

The response of men to worship is an experience that a civilian pastor may never know. There is a much higher percentage of church membership among the men here than one would expect, and the interested ones in units too small to have a unit chaplain are provided with transportation to the nearest place of worship. The church that Jesus built “Upon this rock” is drawing a huge circle around all others built since then. Churches might well begin now to prepare for the return of men who will question the leadership and teaching of laymen and ministers who place “our church”, or, my church, or any other church, before the needs, the concern felt by Negro Disciples and a people with the kind of news they hear or fail to hear from home.

As a chaplain and a minister cognizant of both civilian and military needs, the concern felt by Negro Disciples about the vacant pulpits at home is incidental when compared with the urgent need for hundreds of competent, industrious, and fearless Negro chaplains for services with our troops throughout the world. Your concern for the welfare and safety of your men and young women in the armed services of our country can best be expressed by making it possible for the churches to release more
trained men to serve as chaplains for the duration. The bulk of the next generation of ministers is in the Army anyway, and no thoughtful Christian should wish to run the risk of losing them through lack of spiritual guidance.

JASON M. COWAN
Captain, 91st Engineers, Chaplain.

MISSISSIPPI VETERAN OF THE CROSS HAS PASSED
Elder J. G. Keyes, Ex-State Evangelist of the Mississippi Christian Missionary Convention departed this life December 5th, 1942 at Collins, Mississippi.

Mrs. Carrie A. Griffin and her husband Abe Griffin gave him every care during his lifetime. All of the other children helped and his friends in the church cheered him during his illness. He was born of Virginian parents on April 18th, 1849. He was a member of the Bethel Christian Church in the old Hemingway precinct. Many telegrams, florals and messages of appreciation were received.

Elder I. C. Franklin, Present State Evangelist, Port Gibson, Mississippi, and Elder G. W. Walls, Shaw, Mississippi, conducted the Funeral. Internment was made in Hemingway Cemetery with the Century Burial Club of Greenwood, Mississippi.

He is survived by the following children: Ned Keyes, Johnson Keyes, Walter Keyes, Clem Keyes, Mary Langs, Lemmie Hill, Fanie Boles and Carrie A. Griffin. Also a host of grandchildren.

Paul Bearers were: Johnson Keyes, J. G. Griffin, E. H. Griffin, and Thomas G. Griffin, his grand-children and Turner Gordon and Tommie L. Gordon his grand-son-in-law.

As a neighbor, he was always ready to aid. He lived at a time when few of his associates could read and write, thus he did the community writing, furnishing thoughts, stationery and stamps. He has served as a registrar in voting precincts, also a school teacher at Bethel Church where later Brother Thomas Mundell, who was then secretary of the Home Missionary Society, encouraged Brother William Ireland to open up a Christian School, which was the beginning or birth-place of the Southern Christian Institute.

His religious activities began at an early age, he was first a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, being baptized by a white minister, Parson Oliver, through whom he confessed. Later through the preaching of Brother William Ramey, a colored pioneer minister, he took his stand with the Church of Christ and stood up for it until the Lord said, "Enough done." Although he was out of public service for about three years, he made his services as if at Church, talking of the good old way with the brethren as they came and went.

His first attendance at a National Convention was at Hannibal, Missouri, where he met Elder Preston Taylor. In the beginning of his ministry he was much encouraged by Brothers Ireland and Lanler (White and brothers Ramey, Herndon, and Mansfield Johnson (Colored). He in turn threw out his life line in the ministry to the following who made able ministers of the gospel—H. Herndon, Albert Johnson, J. A. Keys, J. Gill, and George Walls. They all have passed except Gill who went with the Baptist and G. W. Walls who is still on the firing line.

He served with ministers who had much in common: K. R. Brown, Wm. Scott, W. S. Sneed, W. S. Miller, G. T. Trevillian, Smoothers, Wallace Williams and others too numerous to mention. He also served with the following sisters: Alice Jackson, Vina Martin, Malissa Jones and Nancy Keys, his wife of Bethel. Others over the State who were Joannas and Priellas were; Angeline Davis, Ann Weather, Lula Shield, Bina Williams, M. J. Bridges, Delia Jenkins and Harriett Franklin.

You will note some of his work in a condensed form in his history of the M.C.M.C. found in the minutes of the M.C.M.C. from 1900 to 1937, Page eight.

Some mission points opened by him were Lula, Mississippi, where he baptized six in a lake through the help of Elder H. L. Richard, Mound Bayou, Mississippi. He held a meeting on Yazoo Pass with a white family present who wept as he preached. He held meetings in Leland where a member of the Methodist Church took his stand. He preached at Guntown, where Brother James Casey (White) arranged at Marietta. Nearly all of the Community accepted the good faith. We were willing to give him up because of his faithfulness to his charge.

"Vain the tribute we would pay him Words to you cannot express What it meant to have him with us, And our thankfulness.

Sweat the memory he has left us, Though our hearts were very sad, Great the blessings that were given, Just to call him DAD.

Mrs. Carrie A. Griffin, Rt. 2, Collins, Mississippi.
Mary F. Langs
Elder G. W. Walls

THE CHURCH IN THE COMMUNITY

By Elder C. B. Fisher, delivered at the St. Paul A.M.E. Church, Berkley, California.

Perhaps you are wondering what part the Church plays in the community and just what should happen if the Church should die. Let us remember, ideas do not die; they may become inactive for a while, but will be rekindled by the Holy Spirit. It is the guiding force in our lives, it guides us in all paths of truth. We cannot doubt its presence. Jesus, speaking to the early Christians, said, "And I shall send you the Holy Spirit and it shall guide you in all paths of truth."

The part the Church is playing in the community is to bring all men into the right thinking. It is the generator of all good, it bridges the chasm of human doubts and fears and opens spiritual eyes to the City of God. We see in it a light that brightens our pathway at the gates of death. This idea has lived thru the ages, our forefathers lived and served in their day the community and God. Some were killed for this idea, but thanks be to God for the strength we find in this idea that keeps us all the day long.

The wise and humble person will keep it with the best of care, for it is the way of life, peace and happiness. He will keep its window clean so that he will, see all men as brothers. He will keep it free from hatred, strife and jealousy so that we will love all mankind and when we close our eyes at night, we will be sure that nothing is there to obstruct our pathway to heaven.

It is the acknowledgement of the fatherhood of God, and the brotherhood of man. How can aught men to live, love and seek this idea that the kingdoms of this world might become the kingdoms of his Lord, and of his Christ, that he might live and rule forever and ever.

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—1 John, 1-7

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EXTRACTS FROM A LETTER TO TEXAS CONVENTION


To the Texas United Christian Missionary Convention.

My Fellow Christians, Friends and members of this Council:

I am honored to be with you though not in body, but in spirit and correspondence. “Christian Brotherhood and prepared Leadership,” is the foundation upon which nations should be built. I am looking forward to that day when men will realize that. We have able bodied men and women to shoulder the tasks before us. It is their business to lead the people who do not see the light, into the light of Christianity. By this light only, will man live a wholesome and justifiable life. We were sent into this world to perform our duty and when that is done, our reward will come from our Heavenly Father, as it was said by His Son who died to save the world from sin and corruption. When we abide by His teachings and principles set before us, no matter where we are, we are in His care. The members of the armed forces of the allied nations can evidence this fact. Mothers and fathers who have sons in the war theatre can rest with ease if they have taught their children to walk in the footsteps of Christ. When we become weary and lonesome, the answer for our relief and contentment comes through our prayers to God. I, as well as my fellow brethren, pray to Him for strength, courage and health to continue onward in the present crisis until we overcome the evil forces that are making an effort to demoralize mankind.

We have enjoyed the accomplishments of America and other nations that have striven from the beginning to make this world of ours a fruitful and uncorrupt nation—the kind our Heavenly Father wants us to build. The price can not be paid in money, but only through hardships, sufferings and bloodshed. It is the duty of every Christian to go forward regardless of the price. Our forefathers died for Democracy and Religious Freedom. Now is the time to carry the torch on for the youth of tomorrow. I am with you. If others at home share with you and do their bit, they will make it possible for us over here, engaged in the combat, to go onward with greater initiative. I am enclosing M.O. for $2.00 as a token. May God be with you.

Sincerely yours,
Sgt. Irving Q. Hurdle

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Sgt. Irving Q. Hurdle

Merl R. Eppse, Editor
### PENSION FUND NOTES AND NEWS

Fourteen State Secretaries of Women’s Organizations began membership in the Pension Plan as of July 1, 1943. Congratulations!

One State Evangelist sends the Pension Fund office his schedule for meetings in advance. This is for the purpose of receiving a report as to whether church and preacher who he is going to hold a meeting are in the Pension Pan. If the report is negative, he attempts to secure membership while in the evangelistic meeting. We could use more of this genuinely appreciated cooperation!

July was by all comparisons the largest month finitely the Pension Fund has experienced in its entire history! Does your church and minister have a stake in this fund of nearly $4,000,000.00?

Another one of our schools has begun full participation in the Pension Plan. Butler University of Indianapolis, Indiana, Dr. M. O. Ross, President, enrolled 62 faculty members and employees as of September first. Congratulations to the board of trustees and faculty upon their business wisdom and brotherhood mindedness.

Churches and ministers are again reminded of the Week of the Ministry, October 10-17. The observance may be held either one or both of the Sundays. Other features are listed in the “How to Observe” suggestions sent to all ministers. The Pension Fund office will appreciate any report or suggestions from churches on the observance.

The Pension Fund thanks everyone who had a part in the successful Emergency Mission project. The $57,500.00 share received by the Fund is being carefully used to maintain Ministerial Relief benefits, and pay the 8 percent due for 62 Chaplains of the armed forces. Carmelo Alvarez, one of our 17 pastors in Puerto Rico is now one of these Chaplains.

Total number of new Pension Plan members added in July was 152. This is a gain of 25 over the 127 of the same period last year. New and renewed churches numbered 218, a gain of 62 over the same month of 1942. These are noteworthy Pension Fund gains!

### ANNUAL REPORT OF ROBBIN ST., COWVINGTON, KY.

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### T E X A S U N I T E D C H R I S T I A N M I S S I O N A R Y C O N V E N T I O N

The Sixty-second Annual Session of the Texas United Christian Missionary Convention of Disciples of Christ was held from August 4th to 8th in Greenville, Texas at the Clarke Street Christian Church of which the Rev. Mr. F. C. Carey is pastor.

Wednesday evening the opening
services were held. The Rev. Mr. E. Rayferd, pastor of the Central Christian Church of Greenville, gave words of welcome in behalf of the city administration and the Disciples of Greenville.

One of the high points of the convention was the educational program which was held the first two sessions of each morning, culminating in a program held at Central Christian Church, Friday evening. This program was sponsored by Jarvis Christian College. It featured an address by Dean W. O. Gill of the college and music by the famous Jarvis Singers under the direction of Mrs. O. S. Barker, director of the music department of Jarvis. The program was largely attended.

The total convention program was considered one of the best in years. Under the direction of President L. Q. Hurdle, the convention is being lead into larger fields of spiritual, educational and social endeavor. The move toward a high churchmanship is being widely accepted.

President Mrs. A. E. Garrett of the State Woman's Missionary Convention lead this group in an unusually inspiring and educational program. Two of the most significant aspects of this program were the president's annual message and a panel discussion on the theme: "Prejudicitis Discriminatus."

The total convention sent the president of the United States the following letter pertaining to world events:

The Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt
President of the United States of America
White House, Washington, D. C.
Dear Mr. President:

We, the Texas United Christian Missionary Convention, wish to express our appreciation for the following policies and attitudes shown in recent months by you and your administration:

1.—the recognition of the spiritual aspects of life in the present world picture;
2.—the movement for right and justice for all in matters of civil concern;
3.—protection for those who are heralds of Christian values and teachers of abundant living;
4.—and the pressing for economic opportunities for all groups of American citizens. Though we feel these policies and attitudes quite commendable, we would like to recommend a vigorous and more active campaign for the bringing about of these policies and attitudes at the points of greatest social unrest, and that the government set a precedent in these matters in its dealing with men in the armed forces and the various governmental agencies at work through out the nation.

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ALABAMA STATE HAS SUCCESSFUL YEAR
By Miss Sadie M. Williams
18 Lapine St., Montgomery, Ala.

The brotherhood in the state of Alabama have enjoyed a very successful and cooperative year. The spirit of brotherly love exist as they participated in rebuilding and dedicating the new sanctuary of Ross Street, Montgomery, 11th St. Birmingham and Greenville, Alabama. The members of Ross Street are very happy over the fact they were able to rebuild their church after the loss of their old one a year ago by fire. Through the splendid leadership of their pastor Rev. G. F. Lewis and the sacrifices of the membership with their friends having hope and faith in God, they have a very beautiful building that stands out as a beacon in that community. Brother Columbus Hinson the young and prosperous bishop of Ross Street is to be well commended for the erection and supervision of such a lovely building. Brother Hinson has since been called to the ministry.

Birmingham has much to be thankful for after years of worship in a building that was very dissatisfactory has now a lovely new building. Much credit and congratulation should be given Elder A. J. Jefferies for his splendid work in getting a new church in Greenville, Alabama. The membership is few but gradually growing and fast getting into the spirit of the Disciples of Christ.

The Alabama Bible schools and Missionary Societies were well entertained at the Little Union Church of Christ, Hayneville, Alabama June 26-27. Theme: Facing the Future with Hope. This subject produced some very good thoughts to be taken back to each Sunday school and if put into practice should build a better world in the hearts of men. Mrs. A. M. Hay good of Birmingham, President of the Missionary Societies was very proud of the cooperation from the different churches and reports of
better Missionary spirit in some and promises of even better one next year. A very forceful subject, "Facing the Future with Hope Through the Enlistment of Our Youth", was discussed by Miss Katie Barnett of Birmingham who so beautifully pointed out every detail. Several young men were missing from this meeting who are now in the Army. The president, Elder A. J. Jefferies offered a special prayer for them and sent greetings from the convention.

The youth fellowship meet was held at the Calhoun School, Calhoun, Alabama. Besides the many nice buildings and spacious dormitories the young people enjoyed the beautiful campus where they gathered in games and songs taught by their most capable director, Miss Carnell L. Jamison, general secretary of Missions, Indianapolis, Indiana. Miss Jamison was assisted by youth leaders, Mrs. Rose White, White Hall; Miss Sadie Williams, Ross Street, Montgomery; and Elder A. G. Jefferies, Birmingham, Alabama.

The attendance this year was smaller but a very enthusiastic bunch of girls. Most of the young men now are serving in the armed forces. Letters were sent to all of them by a committee headed by Miss Williams. The meeting was visited on Saturday by Elder T. Emmet Moore of the First Christian Church, Montgomery and Mr. Percy Kohle, director of religious education who spoke to the group and brought letters from two of the young people from the white young peoples conference, bearing greetings from the conference.

Mr. Kohle lead the group in games and songs on the campus which was really enjoyed by all. A great spirit of brotherly love and fellowship exist throughout the session. Officers for the next year are Misses Jonnie J. Owen, President; Virgil Hinson, Vice President and Margaret Jackson, Secretary. After the close of business Elder Jefferies preached a wonderful sermon. Subject: "Build Today." A friendship circle was formed dedicating ourselves to the building of a Christian world. With God's blessing we are looking forward to a bigger and better meet next year.

GAY ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Elder G. W. Gore, Sr., Minister

We are glad to report that our homecoming and remodeling at our church was quite a success. Sunday, August 29 pastor Gore brought a splendid message with a report from our National Convention which met at Columbus, Ohio. While at Columbus with the assistance of Editor M. R. Eppse he contacted Elder R. T. Everett, Midway, Kentucky, who brought to us a great message that evening. And with Rev. Russell of Vine Street Christian Church and other ministers we had a great day in Zion. The following Tuesday we were able to pay all flowing debts and with eight months advance on roof notes. We are very thankful to all churches that helped us through this great event. The church was benefited both spiritually and financially.

"God is our refuge and strength."

THIRD CHRISTIAN CHURCH
16th and Chestnut Streets
Louisville, Kentucky
Rev. F. T. Floyd, Pastor
Buford Murray, Reporter

The Third Christian Church of Louisville is working progressively for the remodeling and decorating of our Church of which the auditorium has been completed and we are now working to build an annex.

To start this drive it was decided that we have a men's day observance which terminated August 29th after a two months' drive with a musical program sponsored by the men which was a success the total amount raised was $511.00.

The goal set was $500.00 but under the able leadership of Mr. Bishop McClain our chairman and his co-workers and captains of the groups we were able to go over the top.

The captains were Mr. George French, Mr. William McClain, Mr. Leonard Henderson, Mr. John Anglin and Mr. Charles Edmondson.

Rev. C. E. Craggett was in our city to attend the wedding of his son Rev. C. E. Craggett and while here he filled our pulpit August 29th at our morning worship he delivered a soul stirring sermon which was enjoyed by all.

ECHOES OF FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, STUART, VA.

Rev. B. A. Douglas, Pastor
Concord, N. C.

Thelma Elizabeth Loggins, Reporter

In spite of the deceasing membership of our church due to service induction and war essential work, The First Church of Christ, Stuart, Virginia still has an upward look and outstretched arms toward our heavenly father and an "Onward" motto for the coming year.

The convention that convened at Concord, North Carolina was thoroughly enjoyed by the delegates and our beloved pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. B. A. Douglas.

The Delegates were Mrs. Grace Griffith and Miss Rena Staples.

A soul stirring revival was held this week being conducted by Rev. Charles Rasby of Alabama, assisted by the pastor, Mrs. Douglas was also present during the revival.

Sunday, August 29 which was missionary day the pastor delivered a message for the Ladies of the Missionary Society. It was a heart felt sermon and enjoyed by all. An ordination sermon was delivered by Rev. Rasby, afterward the pastor ordained the following young men for deacons of the First Church of Christ, Stuart, Va.: Mr. Joe Loggins, Mr. George Houchins, Jr., Mr. Gunn Tatum, Mr. Jack Staples, Mr. Johnny Hosten, Mr. Charlie London.

The Missionary Society will meet Tuesday night with Mrs. N. J. and Mrs. Joe Loggins entertaining. Those appearing on the sick list are: Mrs. Grace Griffith, Mrs. Carrie Hostow, Mrs. Gertrude Hicks, Mr. Josh Staples.

The officers and members of Stuart pray for their quick recovery.

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I am still working and praying for you and the entire family of Christians. Elder K. R. Brown emerced me in the absence of our pastor, Elder Miles Smothers. When Elder Preston sent out the invitation to come and organize, I, as President of the Kentucky Women's Missionary Society (Negro) was present. A committee was sent out to select women officers. My name came in with Mrs. Bostic and Mrs. Bowens as vice president. K. R. Brown was chairman. On that committee was Elder W. H. Dickerson. Miss Rosie Brown was secretary of the committee. Some of those present were Mrs. W. H. Dickerson, C. H. Dickerson and many others. Kentucky sent a large delegation at the time Elder O. Singleton was absent on the field. Brother Lehman always stayed with us until the injury to his brain incapacitated him for several years.

I am still left in the land of God's people praying as I journey on, "Lord make one strong some day." I may not be able to come this year to Columbus. But in spirit I shall be with you.

Sincerely yours,
H. A. M. Singleton

**MIDWAY, KENTUCKY NEWS**

Well, it has been sometime Mr. Editor since you had a line from us, but we are still at the old post doing business for the Master. During the month of July some very wonderful things took place here with us. I am happy to say that they were all to our liking. Something I never seen before. Brother Lormier, the white minister here in the city, led a group of young conferenctes who were attending conference here at Kentucky Female Orphan School. There were over a hundred enrolled. These children came from homes of some of the best blood of the state, Mt. Sterling, Paris, Winchester, Lexington, Shelbyville, Louisville. Now these young boys and girls dawned their overall and smocks, such as young ladies wear, and mounted the ladders and scaffold with paint and scrub brushes; brushed down the walls and ceiling and painted the church for us. Besides also conducting a Vacation Bible School for our colored children, which was a new feature. It was conducted by Mrs. J. M. Irvin, wife of the pastor of Versailles Church. Space will not allow us to say what should be said about this wonderful group of young people who seemed to have the proper interpretation of Christianity. The Master said that he who would be great among, let him be a servant or rather serve. Rev. Lormier wanted to enter service as a Chaplain but God willed it otherwise and kept him here—and he knows where he was most need. God kept Moses in Egypt until he was prepared for other service both by age and experience. Then he goes into another form of service. So it is with all of God's chosen. They change at the bit but behold then until the rightful time comes. The writer was not permitted to attend his State Convention having to stay home and help superintendent to get things for those volunteers workers at the Church. I did put in one day at the State Meeting and was able to spend part of the week with the brethren at the National Convention in Columbus, Ohio which was a very fine meeting from his view point of seeing things. We seemed to be headed somewhere from the way the young people accounted for themselves there in sermons and addresses. I came back from the convention fired with a new zest and I visited Nashville and preached for our two great churches there over the week end of August 29th. These are great churches and a great people if they only knew the day of his visitation. I was invited back to hold a meeting at Lea Avenue Church as soon as I can get things adjusted here for my leave of absence.

T. R. Everett
My Visit to South Carolina
By W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor

I arrived in Charleston October 6 and had a conference with Elder Joseph Ephriam, regional vice-president of the National Convention for South Carolina and pastor of the Mt. Olive Christian Church of Charleston. Elder Ephriam is one of the senior ministers of that state and true to the New Testament. Thursday morning, in company with ministers and delegates, we motored to Liberty Hill Christian Church near Ridgeville to attend the Seventy-Third South Carolina State Convention.

I was glad and surprised to meet such a fine group of ministers and delegates who received me as a brother. They preach and believe the things I do about the doctrine of the Christian Church. Elder R. H. Boyd was re-elected president of the convention. Elder Boyd is doing a fine job as president. The people have faith in him. Under his able leadership they have $1,200 in the bank for free will and $5.00 from the Bible School Department, of which Brother I. H. Husser is president. The Mt. Olive Christian Church of Charleston donated me $4.00 also. Sister C. L. Jamison of Indianapolis, a great leader of men, women, and young people, was at the convention. Sister Jamison rendered great service to the South Carolina Convention, United Society, the National Convention, and secured subscriptions for The Christian Plea. She showed by her ways, actions, and tears that she loves the doctrine of the church as laid down in the New Testament and preached by the fathers of our national convention.

Brethren, pray for me.

JARVIS GRADUATE

TEACHES AT

PITTSBURG, TEXAS

Disciples of Christ

March Forward

The Centerpoint High School of Pittsburg, Texas, is pleased to have Miss L. Ruth Ratten come to them as a vocational homemaking teacher. Miss Ratten is a graduate of Jarvis Christian College and is working toward a Master of Arts degree in homemaking at Kansas State College of Agriculture and applied science, Manhattan, Kansas. She has taught previously in the Dunbar High School at Winnsboro, Texas, and was very active in civic and religious activities of the community. The C. M. E. Church of Winnsboro regretted very much to have Miss Ratten leave their Bible school after serving two years as Bible class teacher and pianist of the Sunday School Department.

Centerpoint High School feels grateful to have Miss Ratten with her fine Christian leadership ability to work as a member of the faculty and in the community. We hope for the day to return when she can serve our brotherhood again.

To the Churches and Brethren Everywhere

Are your pastor and congregation members of the One Hundred Dollar Club? Do your pastor and congregation have financial prestige in the National Convention, or do they contribute more lip service than money to support the convention? Will your pastor be among the guests of honor at the One Hundred Dollar Club banquet to be held at the next National Convention?

These questions can be answered in the affirmative if you will start in now to raise one dollar per member. If you do not have one hundred members, there are many ways you can make up for the deficit. Somebody said: "It isn't the size of the dog that counts, but it is the size of the fight that is in the dog that counts." It is not the size of the congregation that counts; it is the faith and loyalty of the members of the congregation to Christ and their pastor that counts.

If you are an officer of any department of the National Convention, elected or appointed, you should see to it by all means that your pastor and congregation are members of the One Hundred Dollar Club; then the brotherhood will know that you as an officer of the convention are also a faithful worker in your home church, and you will not have to tell it. The report from your church will tell for you; and it will be easier for you to be elected or appointed to office.

Let's raise ten thousand dollars this convention year. Surely, seventy-five thousand Disciples of Christ and more than seven hundred churches can do it.

Send your money direct to the national treasurer. The treasurer is bonded—our money is safe.

Brethren, preach the word!

Your friend,

W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor.
California Disciples Go Forward

The East Twenty-Eighth Street Church is congratulating its pastor, Walter J. Bryant, in that he was elected regional vice-president of the Negro Christian Church National Convention, which recently met at Columbus, Ohio. Brother Bryant gave an address at that convention and afterwards visited the offices of the United Christian Missionary Society in Indianapolis, where he and Mrs. Bryant were guests of Mrs. Edwin Marx.

The East Twenty-Eighth Street Church is fortunate to have this young couple as leaders and the church itself is in hearty support of their cooperative efforts.

New Head for Livingston Academy

The new school year in Livingston Academy, Livingston, Tennessee, opened in August with Mr. Ralph Prather of Bloomington, Indiana, as the new superintendent to succeed Mr. J. C. Taylor, who resigned to take other work. Mr. Prather, a graduate of Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, with the Master's degree from Columbia University, has been teaching in the University High School in Bloomington. He is well known to many of our people through the excellent service he has rendered in young people's summer conferences and in youth meetings as dean and instructor.

Miss Naomi Legier Retires

Announcement is made of the retirement in August of Miss Naomi Legier, who, for sixteen years, has been secretary at Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi. Mr. John Long, president, writes of her as follows:

"It hardly seems possible that she has reached the age of retirement, but that is what the records show, and she leaves us tomorrow. Her loyal devotion to the work, her intense personal interest in each student and teacher, and in every phase of our work have made her by far one of the best workers the institution has ever had. She will make her home in Chicago with a sister. We certainly wish for her every happiness and hope she will come often to visit us."

Miss Virginia Nichols, formerly on the staff, is returning to take over the work of Miss Legier.

S. S. Oregon Entertains Americans in Congo

When the S. S. Oregon made a trip from Bolenge down river to Leopoldville, taking the Fred Rowe family, the Ned Roberts family on the first part of their journey to South Africa for a short vacation in lieu of their regular furlough, it also carried the Fred Rowe family to Leopoldville, where he was to attend a meeting of the Congo Protestant Council. During the course of the meeting the desire was expressed by a number of the counselors, other missionaries of the Union Mission House, and several American nurses and doctors to go aboard the Oregon, which was tied up at the Baptist Mission Beach, quite convenient to the Union Mission House.

So an invitation was issued for Sunday afternoon, March 21. Captain John and his crew made the boat shipshape and prepared the beach so that there was a good path down to the boat. China and silverware were borrowed from the Mission House so that tea might be served by Mrs. Rowe, who was hostess for the afternoon.

Avalon Community Center

The Avalon Community Center Board has employed Mr. George F. Elliott of St. Louis, a graduate of Atlanta University and a man of considerable experience in such work, to become the director of the Center. He began his work on September 15. A reception will be held for him and his family at the Center, Forty-Third and Avalon, on the afternoon and evening of October 12 from four to ten. A cordial invitation is extended to all who are interested to acquaint themselves with the new director and his family and with the provisions made for this most important work. Those who are in charge of the project are particularly grateful for the fine contribution made through a period of months by Miss Daisy June Trout. It is largely through her efforts that the project has gotten on its feet and is becoming a permanent establishment. — From Unified Informer.
IN GOOD FAITH
Dangers to Democracy
At present the indications are that the subversive groups in America, which, before Pearl Harbor beat the drum for Hitler, are becoming bold again. They cannot now help Nazi arms to triumph, but they can, and do, keep alive the Nazi idea by which they hope to destroy the American idea of "liberty and justice for all."
One of the leaders of this resurgent Nazi-inspired movement in the Middle West, who has expectations of running for the United States Senate next year, is on record as having denounced minority rights as an "idealistic" thing. He is the same man who said in a recent address: "Let us put an end to this hypocritical chant about democracy." In Boston synagogues have been desecrated and Jewish stores victimized by Nazi-minded hoodlums. Only this month in Staten Island, New York, a red swastika was painted on the wall of the building of the South Shore Hebrew Alliance and an American flag removed from its pole, ripped, and tied to the base of a tree.
The significance of these events, to which many more of like nature might be added, foretells a time when, sooner or later, the Catholics, and finally the Protestants, will be made to feel that they are being "tied to the base of a tree."
The danger in the situation does not arise entirely from the vicious designs of the enemies of our country. It is traceable, in no small part, to the smugness and indifference to the danger of people, many of them Christians, who are, in their hearts, genuinely American and staunch believers in our concept of freedom, equal rights, and equal justice.
A malignant and determined minority, when not effectively opposed, can conquer a nation. Let us not be deceived. We have in America at this very moment such a minority. They are all mongers of evil rumors about religious and racial groups. They are the instigators of hatred and the purveyors of ridicule where democracy is concerned.
Whether or not they succeed does not rest with them. It rests with us. We can bring their plans to naught if we are determined enough.
And since the cause of righteousness is not on their side, but on ours, it becomes the duty of the Christian Church to take its stand against them.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH IN THE ARMY AND THE ARMY CHURCH
II—What the Christian Youth Does
(Corporal Norman S. Ellington writes from Australia to the Negro youth.)
The first essential to do for every and all Christian youth in the Army is to adhere to the policy of regular church attendance. Through this systematic attendance and by participating in the activities of the National Christian Church, youth can learn more of the outline of the church and find new and better ways to carry out the program. From regular attendance we can gain the strength so necessary from day to day to keep our spiritual lives at their highest peak. It is when our spiritual insight is at this sharpest point that we can do our best in the field of service.
Another thing for all Christian youth to do is to play a prominent part in the program. As young men come into the Army with long years of Christian service, they are expected to use their ability to serve in the various branches of work in the Army like they did before they entered. As the Christian Church of the Army is a large institution, you never get too many workers. As fast as they are discovered, they are given some position to hold in the camp religious circles. That is why it is such a great help when a youth leader leaves his local church to enter the service of Uncle Sam that his local church contact the chaplain at the young man's camp and have the chaplain take charge of his spiritual guidance. Many churches follow such a practice, and it would be a great help to our young men and the chaplain if others would do the same. The wealth of knowledge gained by those who serve in the church in the Army is invaluable. These same leaders will return to the civilian churches with a highly developed sense of Christian evaluation. For it is here with no biased, narrow, and selfish sectarian lines to hinder our endeavors that we shall find the greatest field for service.
Some of the young men who are singers join the choirs, glee clubs, quartettes, etc. When one choir gets enough members, others are formed. In some regiments each company has its own choral aggregation. In others, several units form groups. Some of these groups sing at the services on Sundays and others sing at the weekday services and at special services. Each gets a chance to perform. All these singers are in demand at civilian churches, where they go to render their talents for the glory of God to the civilian Christians. Many a young man with vocal ability who, prior to his induction, has never seen the interior of a radio station since being in the Army has sent his voice over the waves to comfort hearts on the other end. One of the purposes of the choral groups is to bring the peace of God to those who do not believe and comfort to his chosen ones.
There are others in camp who have musical ability other than singing. Some play the piano, organ, violin, horns, etc. Each feels that he must and does use his talents for Christ. One Sunday morning at our services a young man asked permission to play a piece on the mouth organ. Could those present ever forget his memorable rendition of "Lead, Kindly Light"? Though some time has elapsed since this episode, the very rehearsing of the hynmn makes the eyes grow misty. This young man used his talent. Sometimes the services are preceded by a church call and call to worship performed by the regimental drum and bugle corps. Every man is doing his all for the Master. Could man do more?
Many of our young men have become outstanding teachers in our church schools, symposiums, and Bible institutes. The loss of energetic teachers by model Sunday schools throughout the country has been the Army's gain. Young men who were inclined to the ministry, but have not had a chance to complete their education, aid in the program. Under the capable guidance of the chaplain, they are brought face to face with many problems and solutions that will help them when they return to civilian churches.
Youth's field of service is the world, of which the local camp and surrounding community is only a segment. Though each segment of God's great patterns is most important, we still must realize that our local work must not overshadow the national and international program of Christ. Neither should we feel that the part

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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 COMMON DEFENSE

The Average Man, Religion, and Democracy
By REV. WENDELL PHILLIPS
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The average man has the mistaken idea that it is possible to have a good country and a fine civilization without concerning oneself about religion. But without our religious tradition, we simply cannot perpetuate a democracy such as we have achieved. And unless we can teach the average man the fundamentals of our faith, our form of democracy cannot survive. We must teach our citizens that democracy is rooted in and depends for its life upon the religion of the Bible.

The democratic principle that “all men are created equal, and that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights” was taken bodily by our forefathers from the Scriptures. It stresses, above everything else, the supreme value of the individual. It was Jesus who taught us the value of the individual man, rich or poor, Jew or Gentile, free or slave. “It is the will of your heavenly Father that not one of these little ones should perish.” The shepherd went out into the wilderness to find the one lost sheep because he loved and cared for each one of them. The woman swept and swept until she found the one lost coin which had fallen. The father waited patiently at home for the one lost son who had gone astray. Even so, our heavenly Father is concerned about every human soul which he has created. Thomas Jefferson put it into political language: “The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only legitimate object of good government.”

Men and women who had that faith built this country, and without that faith in the value of the average man in the eyes of God the country cannot long live. The Pilgrim Fathers dying in that first frightful winter had it; the minute man standing his ground and defending his rights at Concord Bridge and dying there; the American farmer at Valley Forge and Morristown, freezing, bleeding, starving, and dying because a common man can defy a tyrant king; the Boones, the Jacksons, the pioneers going westward over Cumberland Gap, floating down great rivers uncharted and infested with Indians and pushing ahead over wide plains; Marcus Whitman and his wife living and dying for the white man and the Indian alike in primitive Oregon—they all believed in the worth and value of the individual man because God told them to. They believed in the possibilities of democracy because they believed in the Holy Scriptures.

Democratic values come from God, as the builders of America very well knew. It is to be hoped that the present generation of Americans will not make the mistake of supposing that they, unlike their forefathers, can sustain a democratic society without a firm reliance upon God who is its source.

TEMPERANCE SUNDAY

New York.—In view of the mounting concern over the gravity of the liquor problem today the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America has appealed for a wider observance of “Temperance Sunday” in the churches. It is felt that Temperance Sunday, which this year falls on October 31, has not received sufficient attention in recent years. The Federal Council’s appeal emphasizes the day as an important opportunity for every church to have a share in an educational effort to arouse the Christian conscience to a fuller realization of the personal and social perils of the liquor traffic.

In connection with its call for the observance of Temperance Sunday, the Federal Council of Churches has also gone on record as advocating a ban upon the advertising of intoxicants during the period of the war emergency. Behind the proposal lies the conviction that the high-powered promotion of liquor sales is inconsistent with the wartime emphasis upon the conservation of national resources.

As aids in the observation of Temperance Sunday the Federal Council offers a packet of selected literature, including the following:

The Alcohol Problem. A statement adopted by the Federal Council of Churches at its biennial meeting and a summary of recent facts concerning liquor consumption and efforts to control the traffic.

Alcohol Addiction—A Problem for the Church. An article prepared by the Rev. Seward Hiltner.

Two Services of Worship for Temperance Sunday.

These packets are available at twenty cents each (including postage) at the Federal Council of Churches, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, New York.
Christian Youth

(Continued from page 3) we play is all of the program. Youth does his part in camp, knowing that in some manner we are working for the world-wide enterprise either directly or indirectly. Some of these efforts are promoted by personal efforts and others through prayers and giving of our means.

Jesus said: "Go ye unto all the world and make disciples of all nations." So we do know it is our Christian responsibility to support him whenever we can and wherever we be.

In the field of service there are other institutions we can serve. These organizations are not directly sponsored by a particular church in their purpose and objective, they are essentially Christian. Among them are the Red Cross, the sale of Christmas seals, emergency relief, and the American Bible Society. There is plenty of work for youth to do. Youths wants to work and do for the Master.

Youth Will Do

Youth has heard the call to serve, Youth will do his Master's work, Youth will do—it must be done—Youth will labor and never shirk! Youth does hear the Savior's plea, Youth can hear his timely call, Youth will do his Master's will, Ready to do and give his all!

Youth is willing to stand up And serve Jesus every day; Youth will do, for youth has said: "Speak to me, Master, I will obey."

Youth does serve the world for Christ; The foe of Christ youth does subdue.
Youth did hear the challenge call, Youth does serve, youth will do!

—Norman S. Ellington.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH

IN THE ARMY AND THE ARMY CHURCH

III—What the Christian Youth Gives

The word give plays an important part with every youth who has pledged to give a life of service. From the time when he first steps forward to accept Christ until his days of service are over, he will ever give! In the local churches youth soon found that they could not exist without the proper financial backing. As a result youth learned early the necessity of giving and made it as much a part of his worship as attendance and participation in the services of his church. Youth did give, knowing that he was helping carry on the great program of Christ. When he came into the Army, he found that the problem of financing the Army church was taken care of by the government. So this huge issue becomes not the concern of the young people. How can they give of their money for the work of the church when they are in the Army? is the question asked everywhere. As they had practiced giving before they came into the Army, they desire to continue doing so. The men have found solutions and they are proving most successful. Some of the men send dues or offerings home regularly to the home church and others send money home when it is requested. They still consider themselves a part of the local church, despite the fact that youth are in the Army, and they are. So this is one way of keeping the soldier linked with his home church whenever he may be. Many men give liberally to the churches in the vicinity of the camps. Contributions to any cause that is worthy and legitimate may flow from the soldiers. No organization that has made an appeal to the soldier has ever failed to reach the desired quota. In almost every instance they go ways over the goal set. This demonstrates the willingness of Christian youth to give, and they only await the opportunity to aid the work. A young man who gives to the Red Cross in a camp in Missouri may be purchasing a gift pack for a soldier in far-off China, and a contribution to the Salvation Army in Australia is used to buy clothes for some native child in India.

Youth gives willingly and wholeheartedly, for he knows that it is helping the wonderful story travel in all lands. Yes, youth is ever and always willing to give to keep the bells for Christ ringing around the world.

But more, more important than the giving of our money is the giving of oneself. For in the consecration of oneself we also consecrate all that one has which includes talents, time, and energy, and means. It is essential that all Christian youth consecrate himself to the service, for it is only then that he can render the unselshless services and wholeheartedly give of his talents and means for the Master.

To live for Jesus a life that is true, we must give to Christ ourselves unreservedly. Is it too much to give ourselves to Christ? Did he not give himself for us? To give ourselves to him now is so little compared to the great sacrifice he made for us. Consecration without ostentation is the goal of Christian youth in the Army.

Every man is blessed with a talent. It varies with the individual and can be used for the great program of the Master. Youth in the Army has realized that all cannot do the same thing. Neither is man able to judge the fullness of the fruit that can come from the talents of his fellow men. Only the Master knows to what extent our efforts are bearing fruit. Our youth does give what he has. Though he has not the voice of the greater singers of the day, still he can use his voice for the Master. That is his talent and he uses it, knowing that the King wants it used to tell of his greatness. John's best friend, George, can only sing. But John can sing and play the violin. Should John do them both or use only one of his talents? To everyone but the Christian youth in the Army this issue would present a problem, but they have the solution well in hand. They know that youth must give all. John who has given himself to Christ will use all of his talents for the work. He will give all of his talents for the Master. Private J—gives his services as usher and as librarian. To him they are as vital and as important in the sight of God as Sergeant M's position as director of the largest choir on the post (and in the sight of God it is as big if not bigger if his heart is in the work). Corporal H. cannot sing, but his is regular and punctual in attendance and is always willing to fit into any place open for him to work. First Sergeant Z attends services and aids in the lessons. He also sends a certain portion of his money monthly to his local church. Is he not giving for Christ? There is something each of us can do. It matters not how small or insignificant the task appears to you or other men, for when we have finished the job well God will say: "I understand, and well done!" Christian youth in the Army gives his time and energy. Christian youth in the Army gives his talents. Christian youth in the Army gives his means. Christian youth gives his all!

Christian Youth Gives

The time is now, O youth, to give Your best for the great King. How else can the great word live If we do not the message sing? Give now your tongues to tell The tale o'er all the earth Till it does fill man's citadel And make sleep the devil's mirth!
With youth's hands the work can go—
No other hands can do his task.
Youth's hands must work; they know
Where to find sin they must unmask!

If Christ must go around the globe,
If Christ must set this world free,
Youth gives the feet to go unrobe
The dens of sin where'er they be;
Youth gives his time and means
To spread the gospel near and far.
Youth gives, for he has seen
The Holy Child, the wondrous star!
Youth does know the time is now;
Youth does give, for he has seen
To give life, to give ALL!
—Norman Sims Ellington.

Southern Christian Institute
Edwards, Mississippi
October 8, 1943

Brethren:
"In this world ye have tribulation,
but I have overcome the world." "I am the way, the truth, and the life." "I am this dark world's light."

These precious words are ringing in my mind this morning, and while I am sorely crushed in spirit and body they seem like a call from far away.

It is a beautiful, clear, nippy Sunday morning and the scarlet red blossoms in the yard proclaim to me God's everlasting faithfulness. This is a beautiful world if only mankind would awaken and accept God's wonderful love.

That is what is stirring this heart of mine and moving my eyes to tears. We have not yet learned to live one with another; therefore, not with God. We have not realized those oft-spoken words: "We are our brother's keeper."

The most recent happening or upflair of friction was in a capital Southern city (could have been Northern). Two colored men walking down a street in the colored district attending their business were suddenly met by two white men with knives. They jumped at the two colored men with their knives, missed one, and cut the other's throat, killing him instantly. This man was the father of one of the very fine students of this school.

The tragedy isn't that he died. No, for we all shall do so. The tragedy is that he died at the hand of one of his fellow men. And back of this is the tragedy that we do not yet realize the fatherhood of God, not yet understand and appreciate God.

Brethren, the end is not yet. The gospel must be published among all nations, especially our own, until men receive it, believe it, and, in a practical way, live it.

If we believe in this Christ we are serving, if we believe in the word he has spoken, if enough of us are on the right side of the fence, if we fear the masses of evildoers and of ignorance, let us go forth today. For it is only through the exercise of a practical Christianity that a better racial appreciation can be brought about.

Friends, let us form interracial councils for the prevention of racial friction. Let these councils be of farmers who will be willing to do justly by their hands, of publishers who will pledge themselves to print more of the good about people instead of so much of the bad, of preachers who are willing to live it as well as preach it, of teachers, lawyers, doctors, and people of the community in all walks of life. Then let us resolve that each shall exhaust his energy to show the good of all peoples, the contributions of all peoples to the life of this, our great American country under God. For, like the keys, both black and white, of the piano work subordinate one to the other for the most beautiful music possible of the instrument, so must we as children of God for true kingdom building here on earth.

Yours for the brotherhood of man,

Thomas E. Brooks.

Sketch of the Writer
Thomas E. Brooks is state evangelist for the thirty-two colored Christian Churches of Mississippi and a student of the College Department of our school, Southern Christian Institute, at Edwards.

Tom, as he is fondly called, is the son of the late Samuel B. Brooks and Mrs. Carrie L. Brooks Goodman of Bluefield, Virginia, where he was born on June 26, 1920. He preached his first sermon at the age of fourteen years in the Bethel M. E. Church and was ordained as a minister in the Christian Church seven years later. In his work as song evangelist he has traveled as high as 4,185 miles in one summer, preaching, singing, and playing the piano to 40,250 people and shaking their hands. He has traveled in eighteen states and received over 800 persons into the church.

Thomas is also pastor of the Vicksburg and Greenwood Churches and president of the State Christian Endeavor Society for the young people.

He has a host of friends and is liked by all who know him.

Miss Jamison's Column
Dear Reader:

You will notice that I did not address you as Readers of Missions, for I assume that if you are a Christian and a reader of The Christian Plea you are also interested in missions.

With the coming of fall and the launching of programs for a new year, there are many items to take into account. First of all, every local church, as well as every missionary organization, should review its study material for this year. World Call is one of the musts among the missionary magazines. Subscription rates are $1.25 per year. Address World Call, 222 Downey Avenue, Indianapolis 7, Indiana.

The Missionary Education Department has its barns bursting with wholesome brain food. "The Church and America's Peoples" is the current theme. Write today for the adult program packet, "One Nation Under God." Materials are also provided for young people and children. Write for the supplies you need today.

Woman's Day is to be celebrated in our churches, November 28, December 5 or 12. Do not let this year go by without proper observation and recognition of the women in your church and community who have and are supporters of the church and its program. Let the observance be a red letter day for the women with special emphasis on missions. The offering on Woman's Day may be applied on the goal of the missionary society.

The Executive Committee of the Women's Department had an important session October 15-17. Reports will be sent to all missionary presidents.

Goal cards are coming in. The request was: double your giving of last year. Many churches and their organizations have increased their goals by doubling the giving of last year. Will you do so at once if you have not sent your card?

Quarterly report blanks are not all in for the first quarter. Thanks to those who have sent them in.

Missions and Christianity are inseparable. The world is sick today because Christianity has not been applied to human ills in sufficient quantity. Will you dare to be Christian in days like these? If so, you also have a concern for others and are willing to do something about it—that is missions.

Yours sincerely,

Carnella L. Jamison.
London Christian Church

Elder W. M. Walker, Pastor
Cecile Gertrude Smith, Reporter

London has made their budget and planned their church calendar for the year and is working toward a set goal with all the departments and clubs in harness.

We had our annual rally the second Sunday in September, realizing and enjoying a wonderful fellowship. The proceeds of the day were $110.91.

Brother Walker is still filling his appointments at Columbia and Capperville, but the gas situation is getting pretty serious.

The Bible school had its rally the first Sunday in October. Everything went off smoothly.

The different departments, clubs, and committees are working congenially with the addition of two more committees — namely, the Worship Committee, Anna B. Jackson, chairman, and the Fellowship and Stewardship Committee, Dorothy M. Riley, chairman.

We are looking forward to our fall revival.

Cedar Christian Church News

Kenneth Darney, Reporter

2313 East Thirty-Seventh Street
Cleveland, Ohio

The church held its dedication day Sunday, October 3. The morning sermon was preached by our pastor, Rev. C. C. Craggett. The dedication service was in the evening, with Rev. F. T. Barnett, president of the Christian Churches of Ohio (Negro) presiding. Rev. Gaines Cook, secretary of the Ohio Missionary Society (white), gave the address of the evening. He stressed hope that our church would be a real benefit to the community. Rev. F. Buchart spoke on behalf of the Disciples' Union, which gave $1,000 and has pledged more. The pledges which were made Sunday will pay off the debt on the church in less than a year. The church was completely decorated by the men of the church under the leadership of Mr. Walter Harrison. The work done by the men saved the church $500. This work was done before dedication day.

Mrs. Wilson is rapidly recovering from her illness. She hopes to be back in action by the end of the month.

Mr. W. E. Shumate wishes to express his satisfaction on the money raised and pledged to the building fund. We are hoping to see our fellow disciples at the district meet in Canton, Ohio.

Elder Servy Leads Oklahoma Disciples

The state convention of our Negro brethren was held in the East Sixth Street Christian Church, R. L. Servy, pastor, Oklahoma City, August 5-7. It was fairly well attended and there was a very interesting program and a fine spirit of optimism manifested on the part of the delegates. We are glad to welcome some of these brothers and sisters to the fellowship of subscribers to "The Oklahoma Christian." We are also glad to note that they are manifesting an interest in our brotherhood life by ordering copies of Dean England's tract on "The Christian Churches of Oklahoma" and other helpful literature.

Officers elected for the Negro State Convention were: President, R. L. Servy, 1129 East Sixth Street, Oklahoma City; vice-president, Z. H. Howard, Muskogee; secretary, E. M. Barnett, Muskogee; treasurer, J. C. Moore, Verden; Women's Missionary Society, president, Parthena Jones, Oklahoma City; Bible school president, S. B. Walling, Muskogee; Young People's Society and Christian Endeavor, J. M. Williams, Oklahoma City; and Youth Worker, Bessie Garner, Tulsa, Oklahoma. — Oklahoma Christian.

Mr. William K. Fox Goes to S. C. I.

The new head of the Department of Religion in Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi, is Mr. William K. Fox, who received his B.D. degree from Chicago University last spring. He is a native of Nashville, Tennessee, where he secured his B.S. degree from A. and I. State College.

During the summer months Mr. Fox worked with the Committee on War Services, assisting in three congested industrial areas. In two he helped our Negro churches set up programs to be able to meet more satisfactorily the problems of their constituencies, and in the third he made plans for establishing a new church.

In his work with S. C. I. he will spend much of his time visiting the Negro churches of the area, directing the work of ministerial students in the school, and helping the churches to build programs which will more effectively meet the needs of their communities. Mississippi reports thirty-three Christian Churches for Negroes, with a total membership of more than 1,750.

Elder E. B. Washington Held Revival at Beaumont, Texas

Brother Reed Roberts of 1923 Pine Street, Beaumont, Texas, called me to his pastorate at Augusta, Texas, for a meeting in September of this year.

The meeting was planned for six nights, with Elder E. B. Washington doing the preaching. Counting on the response from the people at large and judging from these expressions given by the people, the meeting was a success.

We baptized one soul and left the Spirit in bloom as a lily in May.

The people wanted preaching another week, but, according to their plan, we had to close.

The church raised $87.50 in six nights. The field is white unto harvest.

Eleventh Street Christian Church, Birmingham, Ala.

FRANCES E. BARNES, Reporter

415 Delta Street, South, Birmingham

Elder A. J. Jeffries, Minister

This is perhaps the first time in several years the Eleventh Street Christian Church has sent in a report to THE CHRISTIAN PLEA. Since it has been so long, we are again falling in line with all the other churches throughout the states and send in a report on the activities of the church each month.

Let us pause long enough to see how far up the goal we have traveled for the past year. We now have a very beautiful church. It was a long struggle, but with our wholehearted faith in our heavenly Father we have accomplished what we have been trying to do for many years. For several months we have been stressing stewardship and recently held a "Rally Day" and raised $500. The church is seeking to raise money to pay off our building indebtedness and to purchase new pews.

The State Convention of Alabama Churches will be held in Eleventh Street Christian Church October 28-31.
Central Christian Church
NOLA DICKERSON SCOTT, Reporter
2379 East Eighty-Third Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Our church is progressing nicely under the leadership of our good pastor, Elder G. C. Campbell, and his wife. We just closed a one-month rally for our building fund under the leadership of Mrs. Lucy Colman and Mr. Oliver Dickey. Total amount raised was $203. Our church feels highly honored to have Elder Campbell with us and our entire church is cooperating nicely.

We ask your prayers for the interest of our work.

District 6, Kentucky, Church Program Gets Good Start
MARY M. BUTLER
President of Bible School

The annual fall meeting, like most fall meetings, started off with much enthusiasm, due to the past conventions. This time men were few in number, as Uncle Sam and the crops demanded them. As a whole, it was a spiritual and financial success.

The training periods were used for discussing and planning work of carrying out the goals of the National and State Convention. Each president of district and state was there to report and help plan the work. Much was said in the way of enlisting and developing more workers.

The climax of the day was given by our state president, L. L. Dickerson. The subject was, “Little Farmer.” He stressed that “Christ went a little farther in all walks of life” and so must we. He commented on the men of the church, saying they and even we have done a fine job, “but unless we are willing to go a little farther we will not be able to carry out the mission” left for us to discharge.

We must go a little farther in our giving, our living, our praying, and forgiving. All of this and more will move us a little farther.

The delegates present came willing to work and left a working home front, according to reports. Besides district fees, three churches brought in their one-fourth state apportionments; three Bible schools and one Women’s Missionary Society did likewise. Others say they will pay double at the winter meeting.

We believe that we must give much during war to support the Christian flag. There is more money out than ever before; and as said by the president, stewardship must be stressed in order that Christianity may prevail.

Our district regretted the absence of Mr. A. D. Gault, who was engaged in his own fall district meeting, which was, as we are informed by State President Dickerson, also a success. May God give us all grace and willing workers to do our best while the world is at its worst.

I hope to report a good winter meeting, when the missionary education will be discussed in all our classes.

Miss Jamison will shine as the stars of night as we follow in her light.

Indiana Avenue Christian Church School Workers Meet at Social Event

A group of twenty-five to thirty eager teachers of the Indiana Avenue Christian Church School met September 10 at the home of the director, Elder J. H. Kittrell, in a social affair given in honor of one of their splendid coworkers, Mr. Thomas Griffin, who was leaving for Jarvis Christian College and as a special treat to their teachers and prospective teachers.

Games, jokes, and serving marked the high light of the evening. The personnel of the group included the pastor, many teachers, and a few friends of some of the people present.

Everyone indicated they had a good time and had been well entertained. It was also suggested that such functions should be frequently repeated.

INDIANA AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)
RICHARD H. DAVIS, Pastor
Phone: Oakland 3508

Membership Report of National Convention Committee

October, 1942—October, 1943

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Money Turned Over to Mrs. Preston Taylor for the Month of September, 1943

Rev. M. C. Dickerson, 915 Eighth Street.
N. W. Roanoke, Virginia $ 3.50

Elder Taylor E. H. Cole, 411 East Seventy-Second Street, Little Rock, Arkansas .16

Elder J. Q. Huntley, 406 East Twelfth Street, Austin, Texas .2.00

Mrs. Alma Cummings, 4109 Prairie Avenue, Chicago, Illinois .2.00

Miss Carneilla Jamison, 222 Downey Street, Indianapolis, Indiana .15.50

Mrs. Geraldine Thornhill, 5727 George Street, Youngstown, Ohio .8.00

Rev. Mr. Calvin Campbell, 2343 East Seventy-Seventh Street, Cleveland, Ohio .6.30

Miss Carrie A. Griffin, Route 2, Colia, Mississippi .12.00

Miss Carrie Boatwright, 929 East Forty-Ninth Street, Los Angeles, California .19.50

Total $54.96
My Visit to Ohio and Indiana
By W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor

I left Baltimore October 18 for Cleveland, Ohio, where I preached nine nights in the beautiful Cedar Christian Church, of which Elder C. E. Croggett is pastor. Under the leadership of Elder Croggett the congregation purchased one of the most complete church buildings in our entire brotherhood. The church is going in a fine way. There is fine fellowship between Cedar Christian Church and the Central Christian Church, of which Elder G. C. Campbell is pastor. Elder Campbell and his members attended the meeting almost every service. While in Cleveland we had a conference with Elders F. T. Barnett, president of Ohio State Convention and pastor of our Youngstown, Ohio, Church; Elder Gamby; Elder Croggett; Elder Campbell; and Elder R. F. Hayes of Akron. These brethren gave me their word that they would send $1.00 per member to the National Convention. Elder Croggett and his congregation of their own free will gave me $75.00 for the service I rendered while there and several gifts for Mrs. Taylor and I.

October 29 we arrived in Indianapolis, Indiana, to attend the Executive Board meeting of the National Convention and the Planning Commission held at Flanner House, of which Elder C. W. Blackbum is the superintendent. Elder R. H. Peoples, the newly-installed pastor of the Second Christian Church, was our cordial host.

The meeting of the Planning Commission was very interesting. There were many things on which I did not agree then and I do not now agree, and I do not see as yet how I can agree and remain loyal to the principles for which the National Convention was organized. For me to agree to some of the things proposed at the Planning Commission meeting I will have to shut my eyes, close my ears, and lose my understanding of the speech delivered by the late Preslow Taylor when the National Convention was organized and published in the March, 1943, issue of THE CHRISTIAN PLEA.

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My Visit to Ohio and Indiana
(Continued from page 1, column 2)

We attended the installation services for Elder R. H. Peoples at 3:00 P.M. and brought greetings on behalf of the National Convention. Lord's day night we arrived in Columbus to preach ten nights at the Monroe Avenue Christian Church, of which the chairman of the Recommendations Committee, Elder C. W. Arnold, is pastor.

The Monroe Avenue Christian Church, under the leadership of Elder Arnold, has taken its place among the leading churches of our brotherhood as to its additions, membership, offerings, and the paying of an adequate salary to the pastor.

Other churches would do well to follow the lead of Monroe Avenue Church in making herself self-supporting. Monday we brought greetings to the Central Ohio Christian Ministers' Association, of which Elder Arnold is president, and the only colored member. Tuesday we brought greetings to the Frontiers Club (a club of leading business and professional men). Elder Arnold is an influential member of this group.

The church of its own free will gave me $61.50 for services rendered and the pastor promised to send $200 to the National Convention toward the $10,000 we are going to raise in the Church Department this year for evangelism, church aid, ministers' aid, and The Christian Plea.

Brethren, pray for me.

Miss Jamison's Column

Dear Friends:

Woman's Day is the biggest item in the calendar of the missionary societies. Women were prominent in the early church and they continue to be vital factors in the life of the church today. The 1926 United States religious census revealed that seventy-three per cent of the Negro women are churchgoers, sixty-four per cent of the white women are churchgoers, fifty-four per cent of the white men are churchgoers, fifty-four per cent of the Negro men, and fifty-six per cent of the white men. The 1930 religious census was not so thoroughly made, but I would wager that we are still the folk who lead in church attendance.

The Christian Church Woman's Day is connected with missions and great contributions are being made through missions in our own and in other nations. "The Last Best Hope" is a drama prepared specially for Woman's Day. Will each person sending in the December report blank please write on the reverse side a description of how your organization observed the day. Several groups are making it $5.00-day instead of just a $1.00-day. Some organizations, however, will observe Woman's Day later. Please report after the celebration. Woman's Day offerings are for world missions and apply on the goal of the local society.

State Conventions

It was good to have fellowship with our churches in the South Carolina and Georgia State Conventions. South Carolina is pressing forward with their state project. Georgia ordained another minister, Elder R. H. Mitchell, at the convention.

Women's Executive Meeting

Really the red letter days for this fall are related to our executive meeting held at Indianapolis, Indiana. Sixteen women were present throughout the sessions, and they came from eleven states. No time was lost in nonessentials. The addendum was adhered to strictly and much work accomplished.

Mr. E. K. Higdon of the Foreign Missionary Division had just returned from Jamaica. The information which he brought was intensely stimulating since it is the homeland of several of our ministers and church leaders. The needs of the people in Jamaica are great and their ambitions and desires for personality development and human freedom is similar to our own. So great was the interest in Jamaica that support through regular offerings are being designated from the organizations in Texas, Illinois, and Indiana.

The area workers (appointed at the National Convention) are as follows:

Kentucky and Tennessee — Mrs. Jonnie Kirkpatrick, 2216 West Chestnut Street, Louisville, Kentucky.
Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas — Mrs. Anna Gilmore, 4030 Cooke Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.
Texas — Mrs. E. G. Titus, 3511 Kimble, Dallas, Texas.
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South Carolina — Mrs. Eunice Miller, 76 O. Harris Street, Charleston, South Carolina.
New York, New Jersey, Washington, D.C., Maryland — Mrs. Ernestine Hancock, 628 Hancock Street, Brooklyn, New York.
Alabama, Georgia, and Florida — Mrs. Rosa White, White Hall, Alabama.

Duties of Area Work

1. Visit every church. Meet interested people of the church in a group.
2. Organize where there are no missionary organizations. Present suitable materials for study and information.
3. Encourage quarterly increased giving for United Christian Missionary Society and for the State and National Conventions.
4. Help to develop missions in the entire program of the church for adults, young people, and children.
5. Encourage the minister and help him whenever possible.
6. Build good will and fellowship.

We hope that these workers can carry out their duties as they work with the officers in each state and area. They are not to take the place of any officer, but to strengthen and supplement the work in every way possible.

Christmas

For many the celebration will be quite different than in former years. The Christ whose birthday we celebrate remains the same. Peace is still needed about which the angels sang at his birth. Let the holiday observations center around the family. Let the Christian family celebrate the true purpose of Christmas — peace. Missions help to bring peace. Have you made your contribution for world missions this month?

Yours faithfully,
Carnella L. Jamison.
Miss Mary E. Monahan

Miss Mary E. Monahan of El Paso, Illinois, passed away on October 16 at the home of her sister, Mrs. Carruthers. Miss Monahan was on the faculty at Southern Christian Institute for seventeen years. She served first in 1896. She retired from teaching at S. C. I. in 1930, her sixty-third birthday. She was still quite active at her retirement. On the College Night Program of the Columbus National Convention, she was presented to the convention, at which time she spoke briefly. Her death followed heart failure twelve days after an appendectomy.

She was much loved by the students and faculty of Southern Christian Institute and friends wherever she had opportunity to make them. She was seventy-three years old at her death.

Southern Christian Institute News

Students with Uncle Sam:

Perhaps I should begin by saying “Merry Christmas” since this letter will not reach some of you until about that date. Many of you are a long way from home, and yet you all are very near to us in daily thought and prayer and bound to us by ties stronger that any that could be forged by steel. Our sincere best wishes to you all wherever you are and a fervent prayer that very soon we shall hear the heavenly host singing again, “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men.”

Several of you were able to visit us last month: Cpl. W. P. Collins, Cpl. Clifton Hill, S. Claude Inge, Cpl. Thessalonia McClain, S. John McGowan, David Hutton, Cpl. Willie Rae Fletcher, and Sgt. Thomas Lee. Sgt. Lee had just visited his sister Alma, who graduated last year and is now at Fisk University.

We also had an enjoyable visit from Cpl. James Willis, who gave us a recital. He was accompanied by his wife, who formerly taught music at C. M. and I. College in Jackson. He got a week-end leave from Camp Shelby, where he is now stationed. Cpl. Fletcher arrived in time to enjoy the recital and the reception afterwards.

We had a hilarious time at our Halloween party this year. Costume prizes went to Christine Steward as the funniest, Alice Bordon as the tackiest, and Alice Arnold as the best disguised.

Another good time was had at the picnic of the Christian Endeavor Society, which was held on the hill by the big pond.

Dr. James Crain spent a few days with us last week. He was principal speaker at our regular meeting of the Ministerial Association and addressed the whole group at chapel.

Mr. Don Pielstick of Chicago spent nearly a week with us. He is a national secretary of the Home Missions Council of North America, which sponsors the extension work done by the school through Mr. Fox. They also support the program among immigrant workers, in which our graduate, Rev. Ernest Culpepper, is now engaged. Mr. Pielstick spoke to several groups and at chapel and preached for us Sunday at our regular morning service. He was helping us with plans for our “Institute for Town and Country Ministers” to be held here February 14-19, 1944. Both he and Dr. Crain will be back to be on the faculty.

Mrs. Long and I represented the school at the convention of white Christian Churches of the state held at Tupelo. Many considered it the best convention we have had. Through the able leadership of the state secretary, Gilbert Peery, our school has better recognition, and the white churches have a better interest in the Negro work of the state. We rejoice that an increasingly large number are becoming convinced that democracy and liberty and justice, like charity, must begin at home.

We are also glad to report that the budget of the white churches of the state now includes an item of $100 to aid worthy students at our school.

“The Southernaires” sang to capacity audiences in both Vicksburg and Jackson last week. We had several representatives at each performance.

Our second quarter started last week with a record enrollment. Nothing could speak better of our school since other schools of the area report a decrease. The emigration of Negroes from our state to industrial areas has been very great. In the city schools of Jackson there are 915 fewer Negro pupils than last year. Smith-Robertson has 272 less and Lanier has 255 less than last year.

We regret very much having to turn down a large number of applicants this year, but our every facility is taxed beyond the limit.

The large enrollment gave the students a break this week end. We are to be host to the State Workers’ Conference, which will bring several dozen church leaders to the campus. The same week end we also entertain the Quarterly Meeting of the churches of the Jackson area. To do so with our dormitories full was out of the question, so for the first time in many years we are to have a vacation the week end following Thanksgiving.

We have an interesting pen picture of our campus made in 1905. It shows only six buildings, of which only two, the Mansion and Northside, now remain. In the lower corner are the initials M. E. M. We are sorry to report that the artist, Miss Mary E. Monahan, died last month. For a number of years she was our librarian. She endeared herself to many because of her keen personal interest in everybody.

We enjoyed letters this time from Cpl. George McFarland, Pvt. Napoleon Diggins, Lt. John Claiborne, CM3/C John E. Gordon, Sgt. W. B. Easterling, S2/C Fred Clark, Sgt. James Killingsworth, Pvt. Lavern Jamison, Cpl. T. McClain, Sgt. Eddie Jones, Pvt. Ether Brown, Pvt. James Spencer, CM3/C C. Miller, Capt. Lorenzo Evans, S/Sgt. D. Watkins, S/Sgt. Ernest Jackson, Pvt. Willie Clark, Sgt. Sonas Watts, and 1st Lt. Lawrence Cousins. We were sorry recently to have eight of our letters to Mr. Cousins returned to us within one week. We had been using his last address and assumed that he was getting his mail each month. We mail over 100 letters each month and have sent each of you a devotional book. When only two or three come back each month, we think that we have your correct address, but maybe others are piled up somewhere and will be returned to us at once. It would help us greatly if you would drop us a card when you change addresses.

John E. Gordon sent us $3.00; Miss Legier, $1.00; and Miss Marjorie Matson, former music teacher, $10.00 to help with the cost of these letters. Thank you.

I was also grateful for a note of appreciation from our ambassador of interracial good will, Mrs. Rosa Page Welch, who, with her lovely voice and personality, is creating and cementing better relations across our country. We also had good letters from three graduates. Rev. Eugene Mason, in addition to being pastor and district evangelist, was conscripted to be principal of an eight-teacher school with 350 pupils at Stafford Springs, Mississippi. Rev. Cyril A. Robertson, 65-½ Hanover Street, Kingston, Jamaica, is assistant to our
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"If we walk in the light, we have fellowship one with the other." (1 John 1: 7.)

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All news must be in by seventh of each month.

A New World Mind

American historians, in their striving
to make clear the different
tought patterns of Americans and Europeans in the Colonial era,
created the phrase—the New World Mind. But today, born of spontaneous
and universal aspirations, this old phrase is electrifying men of all colors and all countries.

Today it is true as it has never been before that humanity must achieve unity or perish.

Christianity today is the only great international force, except the forces of Fascism and Communism, which has a program for a united world. Christianity alone dares to trust man to find his way unhampered and uncoerced by fear, evil, ignorance, and poverty.

What can we Disciples of Christ do here in this important meeting in the great American Middle West toward creating the New World Mind? Much, if one recalls what Americans did to influence the course of world history at the close of the first World War.

The Drake Conference, to be held at Des Moines, February 1-4, 1944, will devote four days of intensive thought and discussion to this great theme, "The Church and the New World Mind." Some of the greatest leaders in American educational and religious circles will bring their experience and profoundest thought: William Ernest Hocking, Sir Wilmot Lewis, M. Searle Bates, W. Van Kirk, G. Baer Camargo, Cleo W. Blackburn, Georgia Harkness. Topics tentatively agreed on range from "Christianity and Statesmanship" to such practical themes as "Now the Church in America Can Work for Peace." "The Church and the New World Mind"—never has the church faced such an opportunity before.

Resistance

When you've chalked up a series of failures
And are thinking, "What's the use,"
Just pause for another survey
Before you wave the flag of truce.

There's nothing that would please the tempter
More than the emblem of white,
And nothing arouses his ire
Like one who will stand up and fight.

Then don't give way to his whispers
And forfeit your precious birthright;

Don't childishly whimper and compromise,
But simply stand up and fight.

—ELANORE A. ATHA.

Magnanimity

When you hear some bit of gossip
Or a rumor dark and vile,
Something that could crush a heart
Or a friend's good name defile,
Keep it sealed within your bosom,
Let love's fires there purge it while.
If it never passes your lips,
You've made someone's day more bright.

—ELANORE A. ATHA.

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Received by MRS. PRESTON TAYLOR.

Date.
Southern Christian Institute News (Continued from page 3, column 3) missionary, Rev. Moon. Rev. Chester Marcus, 319 McKnight, Reading, Pennsylvania, recently received his B.S.Th. degree from the seminary of Lincoln University and was voted the man who best represented the ideals of that school. Our graduates from Southern Christian have a way of making that kind of record everywhere. Keep it up.

Sincerely,

JOHN LONG.

JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE, HAWKINS, TEXAS

"Around the Campus"

By V. CARNEY WADDLETON

Activity in various forms characterizes the general program of Jarvis Christian College. School opened with a zest which was not anticipated in the summer because of probable decreased enrollment. The freshmen began their college careers with an orientation program consisting of tests, tours about the campus, lectures, and a welcome party. The student body this year hails from six states—namely, Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Ohio, Illinois, and Michigan.

Four new faculty members have been added to the faculty. In three instances vacancies were filled and in the other an addition was made and a new department created. Mrs. Ora L. Randall-Carey heads the Department of English, Mrs. B. D. Randall has returned to assume the duties of librarian, and Mr. Charles Saulsbury fills the vacancy of Mrs. C. Posey Jackson in the Department of Music. Mr. R. D. Coas has been added to assist with the farm program and teach courses in agriculture.

The sophomore class is carrying over its enthusiasm from last year, when this class consisted of freshmen. Already they have sponsored a moonlight camp, at which time Mr. Terry Alexander entertained the group with his incomparable vocal talent. Later a Halloween party was given. All who attended each social enjoyed the program of the hour.

The Tity Teen Club gave its introductory program on Friday, October 29, which represented the essence of culture. A candlelight service was sponsored by the Y. W. C. A. on Sunday evening, October 31. The service was impressive and beautiful. Mrs. Ora L. Carey was the speaker of the evening. Miss S. V. Bell, sponsor, of the Y. W. C. A., has done and is continuing to do a very fine piece of work with this group of girls.

Mr. Charles Saulsbury is giving his services free of charge to the Hawkins High School band. It is not an uncommon sight to see his room filled with high school students after school hours to satisfy their thirst for a better knowledge of the use of band instruments. Not long ago the band appeared on a program during one of the regular high school programs and patrons were impressed and overjoyed with the progress made in such a short while.

President Washington is attending the World Fellowship Institute which convened in Kansas City, Missouri, this week. He was a member of the panel discussion which was broadcast from WDAF on October 30.

Jarvis soldiers and sailors continue to visit their Alma Mater. Since the opening of school, we have had visits from Terry Alexander, Eugene Metcalf, Alfred Edwards, Rogers Garnon, Alfred Hensen, Charles Berry, Theophilus Rambo, James Randall, and B. C. Daniels.

The polls were crowded when election for the Student Voice staff and president of the Student Council was in progress. The campaign speeches created much interest and many laughs because of originality and pertinence. The staff consists of the following:

E. W. Henry, Texas, editor in chief; Raymond Brown, Arkansas, associate editor; Luther Evans, Texas, business manager; Azzilee Smoot, Oklahoma, advertising manager; Sallie Mae Vaden, Texas, circulation manager. Rev. Eugene James was elected president of the Student Council.

The poultry production class, under the competent direction of Professor R. W. Coas, is making progress as it strives to know more about the home production of poultry. Class projects have consisted of (1) worming of chickens, (2) searching for parasites, (3) dressing of fowls, (4) canning of fowls, (5) examination of breeds, and (6) chapel panel discussion. An approaching item of interest to the class is a chicken dinner, for which time an effort will be made to test and distinguish the difference in taste between the meat and egg-producing types of chickens.

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Corinth Christian Church
Kilgore, Texas
By Elder E. J. Dickson, Pastor
Our church is progressing nicely under the leadership of our good pastor, Elder Dickson.

The second Sunday, November 14, was another great day for the members of this church, visitors, and friends.

At 10:30 A.M. Sunday school was called to order by the assistant superintendent, Brother James Hunt. Classes were combined and taught by Brother Edgar Jacobs. The lesson was very good. Elder Dickson came with a splendid review.

At 1:30 P.M. prayer service began, conducted by Brother Edgar Jacobs, after which Elder Dickson brought us a splendid sermon, “What We Are to Be Thankful For.” The sermon was enjoyed by everyone and beneficial to all. We should be thankful.

The proceeds of the day was $12.28.

We were very proud to have had with us Mrs. Dickson and daughter, who furnished music for the choir.

Our pastor always brings to us the things that are worth while and the friends.

All clouds of care shall vanish,
All sorrows pass away;
For God the night will banish
And give unending day.

Memorial services were held here Sunday, October 24.—Mrs. T. Fugmien, Reporter.

Third Christian Church
Louisville, Kentucky
By Rev. F. F. Floyd, Pastor
The Third Christian Church has been a beehive of activity for the past two months. The ladies were called together by our pastor, and six captains were appointed and groups were made up of all the women of the church. Mrs. Rose Henderson was appointed chairman. Plans were made to observe Woman’s Day, November 28, to raise money for our building fund. The goal was set at $500, but under the able leadership of their chairman and captains they more than doubled their goal.

On Sunday, November 28, the final day of the drive, the women had charge. Mrs. Rose Henderson was mistress of ceremonies. The morning service was opened with music rendered by both choirs. There were solos by Mrs. Thomas Hines, Mrs. Sallie Thurman, Mrs. Harshaw, and Miss Martha Wade. Mrs. Rossetta Wade introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Ruby Jackson, of Jones Temple. Her subject was, “Women in the Postwar World.” She referred to the women Biblical characters and the part they took in establishing the world of their time and the part the women of today must take in a post-war world.

Then came the tense moment of the day—the report of the captains and their groups. The captains were as follows: Mrs. Rosetta Wade, $262.12; Mrs. Cordelia French, $223; Mrs. Elsie Murray, $200; Mrs. Rose Henderson, $193.23; Mrs. Julia Ramsey, $186.40; and Mrs. Hattie Edwards, $71.10. The men paid part of the pledge that was made by them to the amount of $38. With other money reported since the program began, the total amount raised was $1,191.63.—Buford Murray, Reporter.

Broadway Christian Church
Winchester, Kentucky
William Owens, Pastor
Dear Christian Plea Readers:
The Broadway Christian Church congregation extends heartiest greetings.
The year 1943 has been a busy one for us here. After remodeling and redecorating our little church here, we were up against the problem of meeting current expenses and mortgage notes, and today we feel that we have measured up in a great way.

Our monthly payments are ahead; our current expenses are met with ease; and we entered into our seventh anniversary and the church's seventy-fifth anniversary with a week's celebration with everybody happy in the progress of our church.

Brother Isaiah Moore, our little David of Paris, Kentucky, brought our anniversary message at the close of the week, which had been shared by the ministers of the city, both white and colored, preaching each night. The clubs, two of them, laid $100 each on the table and each member played his part. The men were taxed $5.00 and the women $3.00, and at the close we were able to pay all outstanding debts, pay $300 on our mortgage, and place a “nestegg” in the treasury. The pastor and his wife were...
presented with a handsome silver meat platter as an anniversary gift. While Brother Moore's famous gospel choir sang several songs, we entered into a new year's work of praise service.

We are now beginning our evangelistic fall revival with a week's prayer service followed by a week's preaching service by our own Brother Sercy of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He is coming with the spirit of the conqueror from his faraway home to help us rout sin and build up our Zion here for Christ. The whole congregation is anxious for the revival, and with their support we hope for great results.

Our boys in the armed forces are reporting encouraging news of advancement. We have a son in the Navy, now a first-class seaman, training at the Memphis Air Naval Base. Another of our group is in the Florida medical base, and others are doing definite advance training in the several camps where they are stationed. We had a tea here at the parsonage Sunday with more than eighty-five persons attending, headed by the "Plan Away Club." The Missionary Society is awakening and is planning a "play" for Woman's Day evening. We had the district meeting here last September. So you see we are quite busy. Pray for us that we may be a "light on the hill," a bright, shining light for God.

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Loudon Christian Church
Loudon, Kentucky

ELDER WILLIAM WALKER, Pastor

Your reporter is a little behind in her news, as she failed to send in her report last month.

Our church participated in the observance of the "Week of Ministry." The church school went on their outing which was something special this year. Professor Griffin took us on a hay ride.

Brother Walker held a two weeks' revival in Lexington, Kentucky, at Prall Street Church.

Our state president of the church school visited our school November 21 and presented to us the state banner and informed us we had won the national award also. Her visit was enjoyed and appreciated by all, and everyone joins me in requesting that she make her visits more frequently than five-year periods.

The church had their annual Thanksgiving dinner at the school lunchroom. Proceeds were $17.60. The Missionary Society is observing Woman's Day, December 8, and using the play, "The Last Best Hope." Despite the war, we are looking forward to Santa Claus. The church school is planning their program with more emphasis on the real meaning of Christmas. — CECILE GERTRUDE SMITH, Reporter.

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Antioch Christian Church
Disciples of Christ, Inc.
New Brunswick, New Jersey

REV. S. E. TILLMAN, Pastor

Echoes from Antioch Church. We are moving along nicely in the spirit of Christ. The Lord has wonderfully blessed us, both spiritually and financially. We are anticipating to hold our first meeting Sunday afternoon, November 5, in our new church, at which time Brother Theodore Taylor will be ordained to the eldership of our church. He is our assistant pastor.

On November 28 our pastor, Rev. S. E. Tillman, gave a church dinner in honor of his lovely wife, baby, and sister-in-law, Mrs. Roy L. Wilson, who left on December 1 for the sunny South to visit her relatives and friends in Georgia and Florida. Sister Tillman will be greatly missed in our church. But we wish her a pleasant stay.

One of our young ministers, Rev. Roy Wilson, is in Vancouver, Washington. He is carrying on religious work, trying to deliver the message to those who are thirsting after God's word. We wish him much success in the work. May God bless all who do his will. We are asking the prayers of the Brotherhood for our continued success.

New subscribers are as follows: Mr. Theodore Taylor, minister, 188 Seaman Street, 50 cents; Mr. Robert Saunders, 169 Seaman Street, one year, $1.00; Mr. George Edwards; 187 Hale Street, six months, 50 cents; Mr. Mordia Darby, 18 Commercial Avenue, 50 cents; Mrs. A. B. Washington, evangelist, 169 Seaman Street, 50 cents. I will send the money Monday for the subscriptions.—Mrs. Anna B. Washington, Reporter, 169 Seaman Street.

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Jackson District News
Jackson, Mississippi

The main issues at hand in the South, as everywhere in America, are juvenile delinquency and church negligence, most of which, I believe, have come from the stress and strain of our war days. The Christian Churches of Jackson and pastors are planning in the very near future to launch a drive here in the interest of curtail some of this gross transgression on the part of our young people and adults as well. We believe that if these people could become more church-minded this serious condition, which always has occurred in wartime, would be curbed. We can do this by organizing Bible classes and societies in our different communities. This is the work of the church and we believe that the church should become more concerned about this matter and do something about it.

The North Jackson Church is now planning for its second anniversary of full-time pastorate. Elder B. L. Jacobs is expected to bring the messages Sunday, November 7, 1943. Brother Jacobs is on the faculty of Southern Christian Institute and is also the ex-pastor of the North Jackson Church.

The College Addition Church has just completed a drive to insure their newly-decorated building for the period of three years.

Our District Convention will convene at our schools at Edwards, Mississippi, November 19, 1943. At that time our State Workers' Conference will meet jointly. We are expecting great things there because we are to have some of our outstanding national workers to direct the conference. We will also have with us our new Bible chair, Professor Fox, who is doing a wonderful piece of work down at the school and here in Mississippi as a whole.

Professor Fox will speak at the Port Gibson Church, Sunday, November 7, 1943. We hope for him a great success.

Sister C. B. Fitzhough, who helped to start the North Jackson Church, has been suffering with a heart attack for more than four months. We are asking the prayers of the church for the recovery of this sister, who has served as one of the pillars of the church ever since its beginning.—D. W. Heath, Reporter.

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DELINQUENT SUBSCRIBERS YOUR "PLEA" WILL NOT BE DELIVERED UNLESS YOU PAY BEFORE JANUARY
State Convention of Christian Churches Holds Annual Meet at Birmingham, Alabama

Despite the fact that most of the Christian Churches in the State of Alabama are in the rural sections and suffering a marked decrease in membership and other handicaps, a goodly number of delegates were present to witness a very fine and progressive convention at Eleventh Street Church, Birmingham, Alabama. The theme of the convention was, "Lift Christ Now." A very fine spirit existed from Thursday night with a welcome program by Eleventh Street Church featuring the church choir, local talent, and some of the leading professors of the city throughout Sunday. At the close of the meeting Rev. G. Franklin Lewis was again elected president and Mrs. Mary A. Elmore, who for several years has thrilled the convention with her magnificent minutes, was retained as secretary. Mrs. Elmore not only plays her part in the state work, but is a leading figure in her church at Matthews, Alabama. With a membership of not more than twenty and about one-third of those supporting state and national work, Mrs. Elmore carried off top honors with her church reporting $15.00-$5.00 beyond the goal. She is truly to be commended for the splendid work done at Mt. Pleasant Church.

On Friday afternoon Mr. Percy Kohl, state director of religious education, spoke to the group from the subject, "Help Individuals to Discover Opportunities for Christian Service." Mr. Kohl pointed out so many opportunities that were being neglected one could not help but feel a sense of guilt and a responsibility. He was accompanied by Mrs. Harsh, who also gave some very helpful suggestions. In her discourse she related the words of the Master: "He that would be greatest among you let him be servant of all." She spoke of the great Doctor Carver and his life of service, not only to his race, but the whole country.

The president's annual address was very inspiring as he forcefully stressed the importance of lifting Christ now. He said that Christ must first be sanctified in the hearts of individuals. He also stated that the church must be concerned about this great struggle upon the earth and awaken to the fact that a great job can be done if the church would stand guard against sin and lift Christ to the full extent. His message was very timely and well delivered.

Among some of the recommendations brought in and accepted by the body was to put a man in the field to help with our weaker churches and build up better cooperation with the state meetings. Elder A. J. Jeffries was elected as just the right man for this work. It was also voted by the convention to give better cooperation to the national work, both financially and in attendance. Good preaching was also a high light of the program as sermons were given by Elders Nelson, Bennett, and Lewis.

On Sunday morning Ross Street Church choir from Montgomery furnished the music. Afternoon music for the memorial service was furnished by the Eleventh Street choir. Tributes of respect were paid to deceased brethren of the state, including our late president, Elder D. C. Brayboy. The next meeting will go to Big Union Christian Church, Hayneville, Alabama.—Miss Sadie M. Williams, Reporter.

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My Personal Opinion

By W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor

"By faith Moses, ... choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season." (Heb. 11: 24, 25.) I would rather suffer with the National Convention than to enjoy the pleasures of open membership and outright discrimination for a season.

When I think of the large cities in America with no churches of Christ and less than twenty per cent of our ministers giving full time to the ministry, and many of them inadequately paid and of discriminatory practices because of color by people who profess to be children of God and students of the New Testament, it grieves me. I am of the opinion that if the natives in the jungles of Africa and the South Seas knew of our condition they would send us money and missionaries to help us out of this deplorable condition. But we cannot wait for others to do for us what we can and should do for ourselves. Let's help ourselves by raising $10,000 in the Church Department this convention year for evangelism, church aid, ministers' aid, Christian education, and The Christian Plea. Surely 75,000 Disciples of Christ and 700 churches can do it. Send $1.00 per member to the National Convention treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker, 234 Hernando Street, Memphis, Tennessee. The treasurer is bonded; our money is safe. Help your pastor and congregation to join the One Hundred Dollar Club. Brethren, pray for me.

Merry Christmas to All
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Christian Plea Secretaries

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Will be given to the secretary who sends in the most subscribers over ten during the month of January.

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Elder A. W. Davis
Laid to Rest

November 10, 1943, was the date that the Lord saw fit to call one of our old veterans from labor to reward.

All agree that one of the giants of the brotherhood has gone. His place cannot be filled, and for that reason we must try and emulate and preserve the good he has done. Many years he was an evangelist. He preached in Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, and many other states. In many places the spiral on the church points heavenward as a mark of his labor.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. A. W. Davis, who resides now at 2217 North Fifth Street, Kansas City, Kansas. He was buried from Eighth Street Christian Church on November 10, 1943. This was a church that he built.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM SOUTH PACIFIC

To Him Whom We Would Serve Wholly

By Capt. Henry W. B. Walker

Chaplain

48th Qm. Regt.

To serve Him wholly today is a momentous task in this perturbed world, reeking with the intonation of a universal twentieth century war. And this job reaches herculean proportions where chaplains are concerned, but no fight is sweet unless hazardous, and no challenge is effective unless trying, offering a fertile field for those who would serve wholly. For in the armed forces there exists a never-ending human panorama of life offering par excellent opportunities to get a cross section of our way of life and how best to administer to the total life of man. Chaplains who would serve wholly boldly carry the church forth, administering and putting Christ at the center, reclaiming a rebel people for Him. And no chaplain is worth a tinker's damn unless he diligently and earnestly endeavors to administer to the total life of each man in uniform.

The total life of man? The physical, social, economic, political, and spiritual lives each possesses. Too long we have innocently but disastrously drawn a line around certain phases of the human complex and in doing so we have not served wholly. Subsequently much of God's good creation has been given to the devil. If we had served wholly, Christ would still be the center and we would not have neglected to administer to the total life of man.

As a chaplain I am well aware of the burden that be my lot if I would serve wholly. And I will serve wholly! And other chaplains on foreign
fields who serve wholly are preparing our youth for the returning home with open minds and receptive hearts to this revealing truth. Faith and endurance can scale the mountain of the ages and any gulf of doubt to promulgate this idea. For where is the man or woman who has gone through this hell of war who will not lend their all to set in motion this practical ideal by serving wholly? For only those who have experienced war can know what a just and lasting peace embodies. It is only when we can truly evaluate the true essence of serving wholly that we will catch the gleam and the Holy Grail and so administer to the total life of man that we will successfully perpetuate those beautiful words, "A just and lasting peace."

Mrs. S. T. Bostick Sends Greetings

The Arkansas State Convention was a spiritual and financial success under our new president, Elder T. R. Moore. We were graciously entertained at Cross Street Christian Church, Little Rock, Arkansas. Elder J. O. Bowles is the pastor.

We now have an evangelist in the field in the person of B. H. Armstrong, one of the products of Southern Christian Institute.

It is regrettable that no national workers attended. How do they expect us to cooperate when they will not come to inspire us?

Our state officers are as follows: Elder J. O. Bowles, state chairman; Elder T. R. Moore, president of State Convention; Professor Haywood Armstrong, secretary of State Convention; Brother Moses Daniel, treasurer; and Elder Hyman Armstrong, state evangelist.—Mrs. S. T. Bostick, Reporter.

Disciple Divinity House Scholarships

Applications for scholarships for 1944 are now being received. These scholarships yield $195 per year on tuition fees, free room rent, equaling $210 per year, and $425 in cash stipends. A total of $830.

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Echoes from Southern Christian Institute

By Miss Reubena M. Stultz

The winter quarter opened with much enthusiasm. Due to the high enrollment of 314 students, only a small number of new pupils were allowed to enter.

The Thanksgiving season was filled with entertainment of the most wholesome sort. The S. C. I. Rams and the Trojans were featured in the annual pigskin classic held in the Weed Bowl. The Trojans launched a varied and sustained attack, which eventually clinched the tussle for them in the waning minutes of the game. The final score was fifteen to seven. The upperclassmen sponsored a Thanksgiving banquet for the players and their guests. Miss Isabella Butler, head of the Home Economics Department, supervised the celebration. The setting was artistically arranged in a "V" and a tasty menu was served.

November 26-28 the Planning Conference for Leaders of the Christian Church of Mississippi convened on the campus. A large delegation was in attendance. The meeting centered around the theme of "Stewardship." Miss Carnella Jamison, our national secretary of Women's Organizations, led a series of discussions on "Unified Promotion Stewardship Materials." Mr. W. K. Fox presented the program of the Daily Vacation Bible School and suggested this as one of the most important means of reaching the unreached with wholesome religious education. Several churches have agreed to sponsor such schools this summer. Elder Thomas Brooks, talented evangelist for Mississippi Disciple Churches, presented plans for his work in the state throughout the future months.

Sunday, November 28, the Jackson district sponsored the morning services and a brief session of business and discussion of missions was held in the afternoon. The S. C. I. choir, under the direction of Mrs. Gertrude Jackson, rendered several selections in superb fashion. Miss Marilynn Hill of the English Department followed with a timely talk on India.

The quarter's activities thus far have been studded with outstanding performances. Two of such occasions were the musical and dramatic recital rendered by Corporal and Mrs. James Willis and the presentation of the two-act drama, "The Knave of Hearts." The former was sponsored by the sophomore college class under the guidance of Mrs. Gertrude Jackson. The latter was rendered by the Dramatic Club under the direction of Miss Marilynn Hill. In this initial production by the Dramatic Club, Miss Catherine Jackson won the soul of her audience through her realistic and free interpretation of the "Queen of Hearts."

Among the other high lights of the campus activities were the November faculty fellowship under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs, Mr. Hanna, and Miss Nichols; a buffet supper served by Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wilson in real Dixie fashion; and the Woman's Day services, December 4, under the auspices of the Missionary Society.

Miss Jamison's Column

Dear Christian Friends:

The New Year has come with its opportunities for service. Of course, we are grateful for many blessings. One of the best ways to express our thanks is through daily living. It is not always necessary to make resolutions at the beginning of the New Year, but we ought to live the resolutions according to our convictions. This is the halfway mark for our missionary fiscal year. Let us know here at the office about the success of your Woman's Day observance. The adult missionary organizations are participating in the increase of offerings to train new missionaries and workers in Christian education.

Please send in your remittances regularly. If each time there is an increase, you will have a sizable increase in offering by the close of the year.

The early months in the year are the time for our youth meets. Will the adults and youth please continue their fine spirit of cooperation in support of this youth program? Although these are busy days in the field, there is still time to read good reports and letters from our church workers throughout the nation. I want to serve you whenever I can.

With best wishes for the New Year, I am

Faithfully yours,

CARNELLA L. JAMISON.
Concerns of a World Church. George Walker Buckner, Jr. Bethany Press, St. Louis, Missouri. $1.25.

Our own Dr. Buckner, editor of World Call, has just published a new book, "Concerns of a World Church," which should be read by all who are interested in a Christian peace. Dr. Buckner has been a participant in the ecumenical conferences at Oxford, Edinburgh, and Madras, and has brought to his readers convictions which have grown out of this rich experience.

"The Christian faith in all its fullness does not really exist until it finds means of expressing itself. It belongs to the world. If it is not a missionary religion, it is no religion at all; for the idea of the Christian mission to the world lies at its very heart." Dr. Buckner relates this world church to the conditions in which it finds itself. He challenges us as church members to "Let the church be the church."

We suggest that this book be used by official boards, young people's groups, and women's organizations as the basis for discussion.

**Mortgage Burning**

Last night about ten o'clock Mrs. Carrie Hughes, one of the oldest members that the last dollar on the church book, with a lighted match in her hand, set fire to the mortgage papers of the Spencer Memorial Church, and with tears in her eyes and with scores of other members watched the smoke that arose from the papers which told the pastor, Rev. R. L. Peters, and his faithful members that the last dollar on the church property had been paid, and that they were free to make any additions they chose without restraint. Throughout the mortgage burning meeting, the spiritual fervor was high, and the testimonials made by the senior and junior members testified to the high esteem in which the pastor is held by his members.

Appropriate music was made by the choir, and among the members who made brief talks were Elder T. W. Coleman, J. P. Spencer (chairman of Board of Trustees), James Brown, Mrs. Carrie Hughes, Odell Cooper, and others. Local ministers who sat with Rev. Peters throughout the services also made brief and interesting talks. Pastor Peters, while reading his church history, told of the first brick being laid by the late Mrs. Lillie English in 1921, when there were only twenty-five members and today the church membership numbers 600 with talented Christian workers scattered throughout the United States. The value of their property in 1921 was nothing, but to-day we have $15,000 worth of property, including one building, a double lot on which the church is located, and a single lot on East Ninth Street. The church also originated the Blind Shop for Negroes, located on extreme East Fourth Street, which later became an institution for both races, having been transferred to a white personnel headed by Judge Hastings. This transfer enabled the institution to receive better support in every detail.

Following the address by A. A. Mayfield, a delicious repast was served those who attended. The ashes of the burned mortgage papers were thrown to the winds by Mrs. Bessie Grogans, Mrs. Anna Criswell, and J. J. Campbell.

**Echoes from the Fields**

*By R. L. Peters*

Midway Christian Church, Tazewell, Virginia, and First Christian Church, Floyd, Virginia. Eugene Patterson, minister.

Dear Brother Peters: I was in Charlotte on October 10. I got first-hand information of the work there. There is good prospect for the establishment of a New Testament Church. I wish you could have made the trip on the date you had planned. They were expecting you.

We will be expecting you at Tazewell, Virginia, November 14 to preach the anniversary sermon of both pastor and church. My people are doing fine here and also in Floyd, Virginia, at the First Christian Church. I wish it were possible for you to spend the week here and go from here to Floyd on the third Sunday in November, I am leaving here October 25 for Washington, D. C., and will be there eight or ten days. We ought to have a strong New Testament Church at the nation's capital.

We plan to raise our church at Tazewell in the spring of 1944 and put a basement under it and also brick veneer the building. We have installed a new heating plant in the church at Floyd, Virginia. Our last rally for the year closed the third Sunday in November. Each member is apportioned $2.50.

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Rev. J. E. Miller, preacher-militant, is in charge of Philippian Christian Church in Virginia the second Sunday in each month. He reports the church is progressing fine both spiritually and financially.

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Rev. J. A. Belcher, minister of Galilee Christian Church, Penhook, Virginia, gives part-time service. He reports the church is getting along fine. He will plant a crop on "God's Acre" in another year.

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"Red Letter Day"

Second Sunday in October on this day the membership laid the last dollar on the table to clear the church of debt. They only owe a few dollars on interest which they will clear up at the next meeting day.

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Parks Grove Christian Church. J. W. Mack, minister. Services one Sunday in the month. The church is in rural district with small membership and clear of debt.

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**Funeral Services for Mrs. Annie Pearl Gunn**

Mrs. Annie Pearl Gunn, inmate of State Hospital, Goldsboro, North Carolina, passed away October 24. Funeral rites were held at Spencer Memorial Christian Church on October 27, R. L. Peters officiating. Brown Funeral Directors in charge.

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**Funeral Services for Mrs. Ella Harrison Stockton**

One of the largest funerals at Camp Branch Christian Church, Martinsville, Virginia, was that of Mrs. Ella H. Stockton, Sunday, October 31, Rev. R. L. Peters officiating. She was the mother of seven children, fourteen grandchildren, and husband, who mourn their loss.

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Church's Opportunity in the Community

ELDER C. B. FISCHER
Berkeley, California

The world today presents a challenge to the church, for truthfully we are facing all kinds of problems. We are facing a world deeply enslaved in bloody conflict. The bosom of the earth is being washed with the blood of our youth; we call it war, but it is only legalized universal libidinous crime, and it doesn't take a Solomon to see our great need and give us a solution, nor does it take an Abraham to see that we lack faith, yes, just plain faith in another. We are trying to carry the load up the hill by letting it stay at the foot of the hill, and it cannot be done. So much good can be had when we know the truth. Jesus said, "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." Do we wish to be free? Yes, we want to be free; we want to have peace. We are spending millions of dollars on better ships, guns, and planes, trying to find peace, but the pride of all France, that great line of defense, Germany and her defense line of 1918 and China with her great stone wall some 1,500 miles long that has stood some 3,000 years condemns our wisdom. There is but one wall of defense, one line invincible, and that is the wall of brotherly love and universal good will for all men. I was talking to a soldier the other day, and with my asking him he began telling me where he was going. He said a group of young people were giving a party for him because he was going away. He was also kind enough to inform me that the church had made no efforts whatsoever to have a special service of any kind for him. Oh! how guilty I felt when I thought of the Master's words, "Ye are the light of the world," for indeed I looked for my light, I looked for the church's light, and I looked for the community's light. And yet there are thousands, yes, my brother, millions of such like boys in your church, in your community. What are you going to do for them? Jesus once said, "Lovest thou me? feed my sheep, feed my lambs, feed my shepherd." So as the world cries, accept the challenge, "Feed his sheep."

Virginia, West Virginia

(Continued from page 3, column 3)

Rev. R. L. Peters at Preston, Virginia

We have two congregations at Preston, Virginia, both worshiping in their own buildings, and they are very nice buildings with splendid membership and flourishing congregations. These churches wear the same name—Mt. Olive Christian Church. Pastors are Rev. W. S. Galloway, Reidsville, North Carolina, and Rev. S. H. Harrison, Preston, Virginia. Both churches are in a rural district in densely settled communities and are progressing nicely. Ten were added to the church, eight to sixty years, all candidates for baptism except three or four.

Reidsville, North Carolina

We closed a very interesting meeting in Reidsville, North Carolina, October 8. Rev. R. L. Peters, guest evangelist. L. M. Lambert, minister. Eight sermons were preached. Twenty-one additions, ages ranging from ten to seventy-five years. All are candidates for baptism except four.

School of Evangelism

The school of evangelism is now in session. The church needs trained leaders. We feel proud of our students who are scattered throughout many parts of the country. We are getting letters from a good many of them similar to the following:

"Rev. Peters, how is the school getting along? Are any of my classmates there this year who were there last year? I will never forget the training I got in the school of evangelism. I am thinking about coming back home, and if I do I will take another course in training. You do not know how much it has helped me.

"I close with best wishes.

Very truly,

"EVANGELIST MALINDA REESE."

P. S.: Find enclosed money order for $2.50. Please forward THE CHRISTIAN PLEA to the following persons for one year:

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Mrs. Jessie B. Harrison, R. F. D. 3, Box 20, Martinsville, Virginia, $1.00.

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Report of District Evangelist

By Mrs. Maude Davis

Box 462, Granger, Texas

District Board No. 6, second quarter, convened with Twelfth Street Christian Church, Austin, Texas, Rev. E. B. Washington, pastor. The meeting was held for one day only, Sunday, October 31. Every moment was packed with worthwhile events.

There was a large delegation from Lyons and Taylor. Sister McHenry of Houston, Texas, came in Saturday night and was on hand bright and early Sunday morning to help us put over the program. Sister McHenry is the daughter of two staunch veterans of the cross, Brother and Sister W. F. Thomas, of Houston, Texas. Sister McHenry said she had never seen a man who had preached seventy years and she counted it a great privilege to be present at the appreciation program.

Brother E. B. Washington, a young minister and a graduate of Jarvis Christian College, one who had sat at the feet of pre-eminent Dean W. O. Gill, gave an excellent account of himself when he delivered that practical sermon, “Christian Living,” which sank deep in the hearts of his hearers. We observed that he had not only been with Dean Gill, but he had been with Jesus.

Too much praise cannot be given the good missionary sisters who prepared and served dinner for the delegation in the spacious dining room of Professor and Mrs. I. Q. Hurdle. It was one of the best dinners that has ever been served to the District Board. Everyone was loud in their praise of the culinary art of the missionary sisters of Austin.

The afternoon session opened with an excellent and timely message from the state president of the Missionary Society, Mrs. Arah E. Garrett, who held her audience spellbound on the subject, “What Is in Thy Hand?” Immediately after this service of the Missionary Society, the crowning effort of our day’s work began—the appreciation program for the venerable Elder G. W. Taylor, who has given seventy years of service in the ministry, and who is now retired, living in Austin, Texas. Elder Taylor is a native of Tennessee, a product of Fisk University, and taught school a number of years and is a great Bible scholar. I can say the same thing of Elder Taylor that the Queen of Sheba said to King Solomon, “Happy are thy men, happy are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee and hear thy wisdom.” He was and is now a great towering oak in the doctrine of the New Testament Church. Not only is he filled with wisdom, but he lives the life, and with the old patriarch, Joshua, he stands on a high pinnacle and none can bring accusation against him. He is always immaculately dressed, dignified in personality, virile and clean with all his dealings with his fellow men, upright and honest in all his church affiliations, and his life has been a benediction to the ministry. There is no wonder that the brotherhood responded most liberally.

Brother Taylor has not stood alone in this great work. With him is that great helpmeet, with whom God so wonderfully blessed him. Nellie, as she is familiarly called by close friends, is one of those rare characters that will go out of the way to make it pleasant for all those with whom she comes in contact. All of the children, the little ragamuffins, and all in the community in which she lives know Mrs. Taylor as a friend in deed. When they are hungry, she feeds them; when they want someone to settle their disputes, it is Mrs. Taylor who becomes the referee.

This venerable man, in paying tribute to his wife, said, as he sat in a rocking chair on the rostrum, “She has been a good wife.” He said she had taken the utmost care of him, never allowing him to go errands or do anything that might overtax him; that he couldn’t eat meat and when she could not buy fresh fish she would take her fishing pole and go for fish for him that he may have the delicacies which he enjoys. Then he closed by asking the church should she survive him not to forsake nor forget her, but to look after her and care for her for him. There was a tense moment as the congregation sat with bowed heads and tear-stained faces. I pray God it did not fall on deaf ears.

Our eminent and gracious state president, Prof. I. Q. Hurdle, was master of ceremonies. There were many prominent speakers of Austin. Judge Yeizer (white) was a representative from the First Christian Church. Many ministers were there of other communions. Among those who paid tribute were Revs. Wyatt, DeWitty, and Oldnam. Elder T. J. Green preached the sermon.

At the close of the service soft music was played as little Gladys Gregg of Austin, the youngest and most recent convert, came marching down the aisle bearing a huge white cake with a tall blue candle in the center. Around this cake was $90 in money orders rolled in the form of tiny blue candles stuck in the pink rose candle holders. The remainder of the money, which totaled $112, was presented by the evangelist. Mrs. Arah Garrett read the greetings and messages, which came from as far east as Washington, D. C.; as far west as Denver, Colorado; as far north as Indianapolis, Indiana; and as far south as Houston, Texas. Below are the names of individuals and churches who responded to the call:

- Boll Street Church—Rev. C. L. Parks, pastor $25.10
- Twelfth Street, Austin—Rev. E. B. Washington $13.00
- Jarvis Christian College Faculty—Dean Gill $10.50
- Fulton Street, Palestine—Rev. J. E. Quarles $10.50
- Grove Street, Houston—Rev. O. Zoller $7.00
- East Annie, Fort Worth—Rev. S. J. Samson $6.00
- Rockwall—Rev. W. N. Waterhouse $6.20
- Murphy Street—Rev. Taylor $6.50
- Waco—Rev. A. A. Henry $3.50
- Paris—Rev. H. G. Smith $1.50
- Davilla—Rev. O. B. Nick $1.50
- Corsicana—Rev. A. R. Henry $1.00
- Holland $1.10

Individual Gifts

- Rev. W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor, Baltimore, Maryland $2.00
- Rev. S. S. Meyers, Kansas City, Missouri $1.00
- Rev. R. H. Peoples, Indianapolis, Indiana $1.00
- Rev. R. L. Peters, Winston-Salem, North Carolina $1.00
- Mrs. Rosa L. Wicks, Washington, D. C. $1.00
- Mrs. Meddy D. Travers, Denver, Colorado $1.00
- Mrs. M. L. Haynes, Granger, Texas $1.00
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- Miss S. P. Walker, Dallas $1.00
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Rev. and Mrs. T. G. Lyons, San Antonio 1.00

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to all who made contributions to this worthy cause. Amount raised in board, $56.34. Total for Elder Taylor, $112. Grand total, $168.34.

Annual Texas Youth Meet

The Christian Youth Fellowship opened Friday evening at the Boll Street Christian Church. Dinner was served at 6:30 P.M., after which each introduced himself to the group. Following this games were played.

At 8:30 P.M. the worship service was conducted by Miss Alva Shackleford. Miss Jamison gave explanations of the theme, “Lift Christ Now,” and also explained the four aims of the youth meet.

The meeting opened Saturday morning with worshipful music and meditation which was led by Mr. Thomas Griffin—“What Can I Do?” Miss Alva Shackleford reviewed “The Trumpet of a Prophecy,” which had for its plot, “We, as young people, must learn to share with others.”


After classes were dismissed, we had general assembly. Mr. C. M. Ross, state director of religious education in Texas, made a short talk recommending that the youths send more delegates to the Geneva Glen. Immediately after Mr. Ross’ talk, Mrs. Hart of Fort Worth, Texas, who is state secretary of missionary organizations, recommended that we have more projects such as: (1) a community survey (interracial) and (2) an interracial (Mexican, Caucausian, Negro) meeting which will be held at Jarvis Christian College in February 12-14, 1944. At the end of the meeting Miss Jamison stated that one-half hour would be used for committee meetings, of nominations of officers for the fellowship meeting for 1944, stating the time and place of the next meeting, and the committee meeting which was to decide on the program for the World Racial Meeting to be held at Jarvis in February, 1944. Instructions were given about the work project which is a type of training which teaches the young people that the hands must be trained as well as the heart. Work was assigned to members at Romine Street Church and Boll Street Church. At 7:00 P.M. a banquet dinner was served, after which several talks and synopsis of the topic from the group discussed. Rev. E. J. James talked shortly on “Any Differences in Races,” Mrs. Hart talked on “Finding Our Direction,” and Miss Johnson on “Making a New Map.” Four short talks were made on the “Work Project.” Each member of the Youth Meet expressed what the meet had meant to him.

At 9:15 P.M. the consecration services began. At the close of consecration services and the close of the Youth Meet, the fellowship circle was formed which left a feeling within each individual that he must “Lift Christ now.”

Officers for 1944: Copresidents, Miss Alva Shackleford and Mr. E. W. Henry. Miss Azilee Smoot, Reporter.

Here and There

By Elder John D. Henry
121 Front Street
Clayton, North Carolina

More like a quarterly report. For three months, we have been on the go. I will give our readers the high lights of the district.

Bible school convention in District No. 1 was well attended; inspiration was high; amount raised was $603.96. Bible school convention in District No. 2 was better than ever. Plans for further work well set. The amount raised was $464.06.

Women’s Home Mission convention was at its best from every angle. Amount raised was $846.18.

Annual assembly of Disciples of Christ, G. and R. District, went over the top in spirit and in finance. The amount raised was $3,022.74.

We will not attempt to give in detail a full report for the three months or more than have passed. We are just in from one of our union meetings, and in the mail we read reports that each of them did a very fine piece of work for the Master in his vineyard. We visited the Western Assembly of Disciples of Christ in Durham, North Carolina. Elder E. J. Planegar, pastor. Elder R. A. Moore, chief.

Read the PLEA and pass it to another.

Gay Street Christian Church
Nashville, Tennessee

To My National Brotherhood:

I have served as supply pastor at Lea Avenue and Gay Street Christian Churches off and on for the last four years, while I was serving as city missionary for the Interdenominational Ministers’ Alliance. About two years ago Dr. R. L. Peters, national evangelist, while holding meetings here at Lea Avenue and Gay Street Churches, in company with a large group of members, visited me at my sick room, and by request I was ordained and accepted the call as pastor. How well I served is now history. I was acting as pastor when President Crawford was called to Lea Avenue, and then I went to Gay Street and served as supply pastor until Rev. Walton came and accepted the call. I returned to my work after Rev. Walton left, and I have been serving the church ever since. We have repaired the furnace, cleared up all local debts, repaired the rest rooms, put on a new roof, paid some money to the local boards, and to Dr. Walker. We are represented in the National Convention. I went to the National Convention at a great sacrifice and I was wonderfully blessed. I met one of the finest group of Christian workers in America. The message was highly received upon my return.

I am now winding up this year, hoping to return again to my field of interdenominational work. I found a little work for Jesus would not do, for the Christian life is a mission, so I am resigning my work at the close of the year 1943.

Trusting that the National Convention will find a good man willing to make the sacrifice for a year or two (they will have a good church among the brotherhood here in Nashville), and praying God’s richest blessings upon the entire brotherhood, I remain

Yours,

G. W. Gore, Sr.
2810 Centennial Blvd., Nashville, Tennessee.

Cleo Blackburn Drake Conference Speaker

When the Drake conference convenes, February 1, among the distinguished speakers will be Dr. Cleo Blackburn, our own leader from Indianapolis, Indiana.

This is a signal recognition befitting the worthiness of our beloved son of the South. The committee has also invited Professor Merl R. Eppse to join the seminars of this conference.
Private Arthur D. Gault speaks from the Army

Hello, Friends: I am in the Army now and not behind the plow. At this writing I am at Fort Thomas, Kentucky. I don’t know where I will go next, but my interest is still in the Lord’s work from the local to the national setup. I am proud that I was able to go when my country called me. Right must prevail over wrong, and if we do not win our church program is gone.

I wonder if the church is thinking of postwar as much as other groups are. I hope you will not ration our church program. Rev. B. H. Hall of North Middletown has been elected in my stead. Give him your support.

I appreciate the nice presents from all my friends.

December 4. I am at Sheppard Field, Texas. I have moved. Hello, Kentucky friends and all other friends. Get all your appointments in. When I was your financial secretary, you raised $1,416.86. Raise your money and send it in. Don’t let the lights go out.—PRIVATE ARTHUR D. GAULT, 305 T. G. A. C. 35877206, Barracks 207, Sheppard Field, Texas.

Old Kentucky News

By Elder C. H. Dickerson

Congratulations to the pope holders. Keep her Christians out; never let her go “Disciple,” Church of Christ, Mennonite, or anything else.

“And the disciples were first called Christian at Antioch.” (Acts 11: 26.)

It was difficult to assess the real value of the recent joint meeting at Indianapolis.

North Middletown, Kentucky, News

By C. B. GENTRY

P. O. Box 75

North Middletown, Kentucky

I have spent fourteen months with these good honest people. I spent some time at the late Elder Frazer’s church in Cincinnati, Ohio. In July we raised $116 to remodel our church. In September we had a good revival. The young people used the last night. Rev. R. L. Saunders of Lexington brought the message. The pastor’s anniversary will take place in December under the following committee: Mr. W. B. Hall, Mrs. C. Connor, and Mr. P. Shouke.

Why will people send for a preacher? I have been asked many times. They are hungry for spiritual bonds. It is our duty to give it to them.

"Junior Church Day" at Indiana Avenue Christian Church’s Fifty-Fifth Anniversary Month

RICHARD H. DAVIS, Pastor

The Indiana Avenue Christian Church celebrated its fifty-fifth anniversary during the month of November. The pastor, Rev. R. H. Davis, touched the opening off with an inspiring anniversary sermon. The following Sundays, afternoons, and evenings were dedicated to various respective groups.

The entire program for the third Sunday was arranged by the Junior Church, the pastor, Elder J. H. Kittrell, acting as master of ceremonies. Mrs. O’Dell Johnson, director of “Youth Activities” of the Junior Church, led some fifty-five juniors to the front pews, where they were to take the active lead in the service. The customary responsive reading was substituted by a Thanksgiving dialogue, entitled “Let Us Give Thanks,” between the juniors and the Junior Church pastor, the choirs and congregation joining in at intervals. This was also the Junior Church’s fourth anniversary and Rev. Charles R. Saulter, organizer of the juniors, delivered the message. His subject was “Thanks a Million!” and was the crowning point of the service.

Another one of the special services was the Usher Board League’s program. The ushers of this church are a part of this unit, having joined since they were organized in March of this year. Mr. John O’Quinn, who is president of Indiana Avenue unit, lost no time in having his group join the league.

The honor was bestowed upon R. H. Davis to preach their first annual sermon. His subject was, “Loyalty and Service.” The sermon was ably rendered and well taken by the audience. Little Barbara Deason gave the welcome address. Mrs. Lula Jones gave two readings. The gospel chorus furnished the music. Mr. James Mitchell, who is vice-president of the league, served as master of ceremonies.

The final anniversary service was closed with a marvelous program by members of the church before 1930 and a popularity contest. The ladies of the Missionary Society, under the leadership of Miss Fenton Hamilton, who is the president, served a delicious dinner well prepared to all members, friends, and visitors. This was known as a fellowship dinner. The popularity contest climaxed the afternoon when Mrs. Mary D. Anderson was crowned Miss Indiana Avenue. Mrs. Mattie Ramsey Pelton ran very close to the crown. Mrs. Christine Hunter Adams ran third.—ALMA P. CUMMINGS, Reporter, 4413 Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Tennessee News

Convention of Second District of Disciples of Christ of State of Tennessee

Saturday, November 27, 1943, delegates from Alameda Street, Gay Street, and Lea Avenue Christian Churches met at Alameda Street Church for the purpose of organizing a district convention in the Second District. After devotions, the delegates were enrolled.

Officers elected for the Church Department: Elder H. E. Braden, chairman; Elder R. C. Molloy, cochairman; Mrs. J. D. Battle, secretary; Mrs. Theo Braden, assistant secretary; Elder Richard Jackson, treasurer; Mrs. Lena Harris, corresponding secretary. Women’s Missionary Society, Miss Beatrice Chandler, president; Church School, Mrs. Ethel Walker, president; Christian Endeavor, Mrs. Lena Harris. Each president will appoint a secretary.

Quotas set for each department are as follows:

- Church
  - Missionary Society
  - Christian Endeavor
  - Sunday School

Enrollment fee each out-of-town delegate will pay is $1.50.

The members and delegates of the convention held a round-table discussion on “How to Build a Strong Church.”

A vote of thanks was given Elder Molloy and his congregation for entertaining the convention.

The convention adjourned to meet the fourth Saturday in May, 1944, at the Gay Street Christian Church, 708 Gay Street.—ELDER H. E. BRADEN, Chairman; MRS. JOHNNIE BATTLE, Secretary.

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Ushers’ Badges, Arm Bands. Fine choir gown, $3.75. Catalog samples on request. Also church furniture. States needs and name of church.

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Broadway Christian Church Winchester, Kentucky

Dear Christian Plea Friends:

Greetings and New Year’s best wishes! We have just closed one of the best year’s work that we have had here for a long time.

Elder R. L. Serck of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, held our ten days’ revival and the citizens of Winchester counted it a treat to listen to his most logical and powerful sermons. We raised something over $100 during the ten days’ meeting. The church was wonderfully revived and we had five additions to the church. The robed choir did splendid service each night, and all departments were encouraged to go forward. Last Sunday we observed the Thanksgiving program. The offering and attendance topped all past efforts. The Missionary Society is taking on new life and we feel assured of a happy New Year.

Pastor Wm. Owens is happy to report the good influence of the stewardship class taught by Rev. Serck.

Evergreen Christian Church Valdosta, Georgia

Elder M. A. Brown, Pastor

The members of the Evergreen Christian Church put on a financial drive November 7-14 with different ministers of the various churches of the city preaching each night. Out-of-town guests participating were Mrs. Mary Brown of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, $6.00; Mrs. Carrie Hughes of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, $15.00. Mrs. Idella Harrel and Mrs. N. Patrick of this city, $3.00 and $9.00, Respectively. Mrs. Harrel and Mrs. Patrick are members of the A. M. E. Church. Total raised during the drive was $102.-Mrs. Alice Conaway, Reporter.

Indiana Avenue Christian Church, Chicago, Illinois

Rev. Richard H. Davis, Pastor

Sunday, October 31, was “Young People’s Day.” Mr. John Eubanks made a wonderful address to an appreciative audience. Mr. Eubanks is a young Christian man and is an example for young people in the church and in the community in which he lives. We are proud of Mr. Eubanks. He is a wonderful leader for young people.

On October 24, under the able leadership of Mrs. Minnie Davis, “Church Women’s Day” program proved a grand success. Mrs. Cynthia Martin delivered the address in the morning. At 3:30 P.M. Mrs. Fannie Baxter, who has distinguished herself in club work for a period of more than thirty years, was the principal speaker. The Fred Hutchinson Junior unit were guest ushers; Miss Deborah Smith was mistress of ceremonies; Mrs. Robert Logan was chairman. Mrs. Logan, a new member, came from the Catholic Church, is recently baptized by the pastor, and is very active in many of the auxiliaries of the church.

We are happy to say that the Christian Endeavor Society has been organized again with a membership of fifteen interested people. Mr. John B. Eubanks is the general director. Mr. Alphonso Wells is the president.

Thursday, October 7, the Senior Choir and Gospel Chorus honored Mrs. Goldie Guy Martin, who is the director of music of the church, and Miss Lucille Ramsey, the pianist, with a testimonial banquet. This was a very outstanding affair of the season.

The dining room was beautifully decorated, the tables with fresh cut flowers. Many musicians of the city were present and some of them appeared on the program. Some of the ladies of the church were attired in beautiful dinner gowns and men in their tuxedos welcomed the guests.

Mrs. Goldie Guy Martin, whose health has caused her to get a leave of absence for a period of time, will not be as active as she has been for the past several years. The whole congregation and friends are praying that her health be restored, so she can resume her duties.

Sunday, October 3, marked two great significances in the church. It was church school promotion for officers and teachers and world-wide communion day which was observed with special dedication service.

We regret to announce the passing of one of our loyal and faithful brothers, Brother F. P. Johnson, who departed this life Monday, October 26. The whole church and many friends mourn with Sister Eliza Johnson the loss of a good husband, a genteel member, and friend.-Alma P. Cummings, Reporter.

Southern Christian Institute Night at Mississippi State Convention

Much enthusiasm was generated concerning a special gift for use at Southern Christian, Edwards, Mississippi. The appeal was made by an alumna, Carnella L. Jamison. The response came from students, alumni, relatives of students, and friends. The first effort totaled $63.15.

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