

Among the Churches

N. W. C. A. NOTES

The next meeting of the N. W. C. A. will be at the home May 29. All members are requested to be present. Business of importance.

All chairmen in charge of the drive are asked to complete their territory and make a full report at the next meeting.

The committee will call upon those who have made monthly pledges to collect same the last week in May.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. T. A. Taggart, Pastor.
Sunday morning service, 10:45.
B. Y. P. U., 6 p. m.

The pastor preached last Sunday night to a large audience. "The Ways of Man Seem Right but the End Thereof Is Death." Some additions were added to the church.

Next Sunday night preaching at 8 o'clock. Sermon topic, "A Dead Dog After a Flea."

The Mission circle meets Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Velma Scott, 5906 South Twenty-seventh street.

Sisters Cheeks and Johnson and Miss Clatie Smith are on the sick list. Sister Smith of 3006 V street is very sick. Her daughter, Mrs. White of Pine Bluffs, Ark., is here with her during her illness.

The funeral service of Mrs. N. Walton of 2112 Grant street, who died Sunday morning, was buried from the home Tuesday afternoon. Johnson's Funeral Home had charge of the remains.

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PALESTINE, TEXAS

Sunday was a good day for all the churches, as it was very pleasant.

Rev. J. E. Wilson was in the city yesterday and returned to Oakwood this morning.

Rev. G. W. Carter went to Oakwood to hold his quarterly conference.

Rev. S. F. Floyd was in the city last week visiting Mr. I. H. Blank and other friends.

Rev. T. E. Campbell of Waco was in the city last week on business.

Mrs. Ada Clark of Clarksville was visiting her parents this week.

Mrs. Clema Williamson shot Mrs. Susie Simpson last week. We don't know what was the trouble. Mrs. Simpson is somewhat on the mend and Mrs. Clema is out on bond.

The A. M. E. district conference, held at Tucker last week, under the leadership of Rev. F. F. Washington as presiding elder, was a great success. They raised \$600.

All of the schools will close this week.

H. L. Price of Cunev was in the office recently, as was B. F. Blaine.

Mrs. Mary Givens went to Keetch on business last Saturday.

G. T. Thomas went to Jacksonville last Saturday on business.

A. G. Howard went to Jewett on business last Saturday.

The Christian Industrial college had its commencement here last week and rendered an excellent program under the leadership of Rev. W. A. Scott as president.

Miss Lucile Johnson and Mrs. Jessie Andy are on the sick list.

Henry McGruder shot two soldiers named Lone Gilbert and Willie Lee. Later one of the soldiers died. All of the parties were raised together at Grapeland.

ATCHISON, KANSAS

Mrs. W. H. Hill, who has been in Kansas City for a week at the bedside of her sick sister, telegraphed Rev. Mr. Hill Tuesday morning that her sister, Miss Gladys Miles, had died. Rev. Mr. Hill will leave for Kansas City Thursday.

Annabelle Taylor was taken to the hospital Sunday to be operated on for appendicitis.

Will Metchum returned from the Springs Sunday not much improved.

Rev. and Mrs. Hill and Mrs. W. A. Covington returned from Kansas City Friday, where they had gone to attend the funeral of Mrs. Hill's sister, Miss Gladys Miles.

W. M. Whiteside visited his sick brother in Kansas City Sunday.

Sylvester Cornell of Des Moines, Ia., is visiting his mother, Mrs. Will Cornell, who is sick.

The Rev. C. H. Todd, whose illness has been frequently mentioned in these pages, died Thursday morning, May 8, after a protracted illness. He

ST. JOHN'S NEWS

We can well say that Sunday was the culminating day of the two days' women's day and men's day. Sunday was men's day. The whole day was very enjoyable. At the night program the men did their very best. The chorus, "Steal Away," made everybody happy. There were twelve additions to the church. The collection for the day was \$219.74.

Sunday will be quarterly conference at St. John's.

Mrs. Metcalfe was suddenly called to the bedside of her sick father in Sioux City, Ia.

Mrs. R. K. Lawrie entertained the Crochet club Tuesday evening, May 21, on her wedding anniversary. The invited guests were Mesdames West and Smith Davis. The hostess was presented with a handsome linen table cloth and a beautiful hand-painted plate by the club.

EPISCOPALIANS DRIVE MISSIONARY CAMPAIGN

Everything is in readiness for the missionary campaign which the Episcopal church is to conduct next week for mobilizing the whole force of the church in the city. Sunday morning out-of-town speakers will speak at the ten Episcopal churches at 11 o'clock. The Rev. Dr. Rollit has been assigned to speak at St. Barnabas, St. Philip and St. Mathias. At 3:30 there will be a Sunday school rally at All Saints' church and at 8 p. m. a union service in Trinity cathedral. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 3 p. m. and 8 p. m. there will be one hour instructions or addresses at All Saints' church. Friday night at 6:30 a men's supper, with addresses by Bishop Wise of Kansas and others. Saturday night there will be instruction of canvassers. Sunday, June 2, from 2 to 6 every family and individual identified with the Episcopal church will be visited to secure a definite weekly pledge for support of the church at home and abroad.

BOY SCOUT NEWS

Troop No. 23

We are pleased to report that Troop 23 is still on the firing line and studying to show itself improved. We are in a very healthy condition and our records show a marked increase in ability as well as number. Every scout is doing a good turn daily and is determined to show that scouting is helpful by living up to the oath and laws of the troop.

Alvin Simmons, Guiou Taylor and Henry Gordon led in the discussion on birds last week.

All scouts took an active part in drilling, wall scaling, pyramid building and relay racing at our outdoor meet.

Robert Allen and Floyd Maxey helped where needed at the fire last week.

Troop 23 did her bit in Liberty loan drive and war saving stamp sale. We sold \$500 worth of bonds and \$300 on stamps. We also distributed 500 copies of government literature and we are now doing our bit on the Red Cross drive.

Beaver, Panther and Crow patrols are planning a hike to Scout Reservation on May 30 (Decoration day). We will cook our dinner and supper in the woods.

Scout Poem.

(By Floyd Maxey, a Scout)

Oh, kaiser, kaiser, kaiser—
The most hated man of today!
You clutch with the hand of a miser,
The unfortunate countries say.

But we're sending over our sons
To kill a few of your Huns,
And before the war is finished
Your armies shall be diminished
To a straggling, scattered few,
As the Belgians were by you.

Oh, kaiser, kaiser, kaiser!
The last I have to say
Is to loose that hand of a miser,
And the folly you've done repay.

Arthur Campbell, troop treasurer, sprung a surprise last week by presenting a bank book on United States bank for \$2.60. Now the boys say, "Watch it grow!"

If you are not a scout you can be. Registration, 25 cents; Scout News, 15 cents per year; dues, 10 cents per month.

We meet every Friday at Mount Moriah Baptist church at 7:30 p. m. You get spanked by the whole troop if you are late.

H. L. ANDERSON,
Scoutmaster.
FLOYD MAXEY,
Scribe.

MOTHER GIVES HER FIVE BOYS TO COUNTRY

Westfield, Ind., May 13.—The five sons of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Armstrong are leaving home for service in the new national army. Ezekiel has volunteered to take the place of a farmer boy needed on the farm. Charles and Lindsay, the two youngest, left April 30 for Camp Meade, and Isaac, the oldest, followed in a few days. Irvin, an Indianapolis teacher, leaves this week. All are graduates of Westfield High school and Irvin graduated from Indiana university.

GREAT GOVERNMENT ORDINANCE PLANT TO BE ERECTED AT PITTSBURGH

Washington, May 16.—The great ordinance plant to be erected by the government and operated by the United States Steel Corporation will be located on Neville island in the Ohio river near Pittsburgh. It will cost \$50,000,000 and will be greater than the famous Krupp plant of Germany. Thousands of men will find employment and the great industrial district of Pittsburgh will have no peer in the world.

Mrs. Ed Hill, who underwent an operation last week at the State hospital, is doing nicely.

Remember Monday eve is raffle night at the Diamond Theatre. Those who hold coupons must be there. You may be the one to get the \$25.00 prize. Don't miss this great production on Monday night. Best ever made.

Sir Oliver Lodge's Faith.
"I will not believe that it is given to man to have thoughts higher and nobler than the real truth of things."

Coffee a Nutrient.
Coffee is not a stimulant pure and simple, but a very considerable nutrient. Justus Liebig proved that, by taking equal lots of men, working in the salt mines, feeding one lot bread and meat, the other bread and coffee, and comparing results. The coffee squad did more work and came out in better shape than the meat eaters.

BROWN THRASHER

(*Toxostoma rufum*)



Length about eleven inches. Brownish red above, heavily streaked with black below.

Range: Breeds from the gulf states to southern Canada and west to Colorado. Wyoming and Montana; winters in the southern half of the eastern United States.

Habits and economic status: The brown thrasher is more retiring than either the mocking bird or catbird, but like them is a splendid singer. Not infrequently, indeed, its song is taken for that of its more famed cousin, the mocking bird. It is partial to thickets and gets much of its food from the ground. Its search for this is usually accompanied by much scratching and scattering of leaves; whence its common name. Its call note is a sharp sound like the smacking of lips, which is useful in identifying this long-tailed, thicket-haunting bird, which does not much relish close scrutiny. The brown thrasher feeds on such coleopterous pests as wireworms, May beetles, rice weevils, rose beetles, and figeaters. By its destruction of these and other insects, which constitute more than 60 per cent of its food, the thrasher much more than compensates for that portion (about one-tenth) of its diet derived from cultivated crops.

A general idea of the quantity of food sent to European allies by the United States from July 1, 1914, to January 1, 1918, is given by figures just announced by the U. S. Food Administration. In that period the United States has furnished complete yearly rations for 57,100,933 people. In addition there was enough extra protein to supply this portion of the diet for 22,194,570 additional men. The total export of wheat and wheat flour to the three principal allies is equivalent to about 284,000,000 bushels. Pork exports for the 3 1/2 years amounted to almost 2,000,000,000 pounds. Exports of fresh beef totaled 443,484,400 pounds. The amount of food exported to Russia is negligible compared with that sent to the western allies.

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