

How Omaha Provides for the Spiritual Needs of Our People

Flourishing Congregations With Energetic Pastors and Valuable Church Property; Adherents of Many Denominations Represented; Baptists Lead in Numbers; Methodists Follow; Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Roman Catholics and Others Minister to the People.

THAT there is an earnest effort being made to provide for the spiritual needs of the 15,000 colored people in Omaha is evidenced by the number of churches and denominations which are striving to point out the straight and narrow way that leadeth to eternal life.

Rec. S. L. Deas, pastor; Allen Chapel, A. M. E. on the South Side; the A. M. E. mission, worshipping in a hall on Twenty-fourth and Charles streets, and of which the Rev. A. Sims is pastor, and a C. M. E. on the South Side. The Methodists, all told, claim a membership of about 2,000.

side easily takes the palm. Its pastor is the Rev. Thomas A. Taggart, a young man of great zeal and energy. He, while his brethren on the North Side were tediously and slowly building, gathered and organized a strong congregation on the South Side and built without debt a handsome edifice which represents a valuation of \$25,000.



OLD ST. JOHN'S A. M. E.

known to the United States are to be found among our population. Of the larger and better known denominations there are several large congregations with valuable church property.

The oldest congregation in the city is St. John's A. M. E., which owns valuable property at Eighteenth and Webster, which has been abandoned.



GROVE METHODIST CHURCH Rev. S. L. Deas, Pastor

for religious worship and is now rented to a business concern. The congregation, which claims a membership of 1,200, and of which the Rev. W. C. Williams is pastor, now worships in a commodious brick structure at Twenty-fourth and Grant. They

denomination has been increased by Southern migrants who are largely of this faith. There are one or two cases where whole congregations have come, either bringing their pastors with them or being soon followed by them. A case of this kind is the congregation known as Pilgrim Rest Baptist church, which has purchased the beautiful Calvary Baptist church at Twenty-fifth and Hamilton, into which it moves the first Sunday in November. This congregation is composed in the first place of people who moved from Bruton, Ala. Their pastor, the Rev. William Franklin, accompanied them. Others have been added until it is now one of the largest Baptist congregations in the city, claiming a membership of 900. This congregation has raised within a year \$15,000, which is half of the purchase price of Calvary Baptist church, a handsome edifice which could not be built today under \$75,000.

The oldest Baptist church is Zion, at Twenty-second and Grant, with a membership of 1,000. The Rev. W. F. Botts is pastor. A handsome structure, which has been in process of construction since 1914, is nearing completion. The cost of this building as



BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, So. Side Rev. T. A. Taggart, Pastor

are perfecting plans to erect a \$100,000 edifice.

The Methodists have four other congregations. They are the Grove M. E. at Twenty-second and Seward, the

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The Roman Catholics are represented by the congregation of St. Benedict the Moor, which at present worships in the chapel of the Sacred Heart. The Rev. Francis Cassilly, S. J., is pastor.



CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP THE DEACON AND RECTORY—Rev. John Albert Williams, Rector. OMAHA, NEB.

Mt. Moriah Baptist has done excellent work. It purchased, paid for and remodeled a church building at Twenty-sixth and Seward streets, under the efficient pastorate of the Rev. M. H. Wilkinson. Having outgrown this, they purchased an attractive church on Twenty-fourth and Ohio streets, of which they took possession a few months ago. This congregation claims a membership of 500.

Pleasant Green Baptist church at Twenty-second and Paul streets, Rev.



REV. W. M. FRANKLIN, Pastor of Pilgrim Baptist Church

John Costello, pastor, shows what people can do who have a mind to work. Less than three years ago Mr. Costello gathered his little flock together and worshipped in a dwelling. Subsequently a lot was purchased, upon which by the labor of his own hands and that of his people, both men and women, a neat brick church has been erected. The membership numbers about 300.

There are several other smaller Baptist congregations located at various points in the city. The Episcopalians have a handsome, well-appointed church and rectory on Twenty-first street between Nicholas and Paul. It is known as the Church of St. Philip the Deacon. The pastor is the Rev. John Albert Williams, who is the pastor of the Omaha ministers, he having served this one congregation for twenty-nine years. St. Philip's has a communicant list of 125, which represents about 300 adherents. Its church properly is valued at \$25,000 and is absolutely free of debt.

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COLORED CANDIDATES ON VIRGINIA BALLOT

RICHMOND, Va., Oct. 28.—The names of two Colored candidates for office will appear on the ballot for the November election. One is Joseph R. Pollard, lawyer, state and city chairman of the Colored faction of the Republican party. Pollard was nominated by the state executive committee, and filed his notice of candidacy for the United States Senator of the commonwealth.

The executive committee nominated at the same time candidates for Congress in four districts as follows: First district, J. Thomas Newsome, Newport News; Second district, Thomas H. Reid, Portsmouth; Third district, H. H. Price, Richmond; Fourth district, Rev. F. L. Mason.

These nominations show that the breach between the white and Negro wings of the Republican party has not been bridged. The executive committee advises the Colored voters to either refrain from voting for Congressman Slem in the Ninth district or vote for the Democratic candidate.

OUTBREAK BETWEEN LUMBER CAMP WORKERS

SHREVEPORT La., Oct. 28.—As a result of the outbreak between whites and blacks at the Crew Lake camps of the Holly Ridge and Faust Bros. Lumber companies, when four blacks were killed and two others wounded, Negroes are leaving that section in large numbers, although prominent white men having lumber interests there have endeavored to stop them and have assured them that they will be thoroughly protected.

Crawford Malone, Grady Malone and Donnie Woody, white farmers of the Crew Lake neighborhood, are under arrest on charges of murder in connection with the Crew Lake tragedy. They were arrested by Deputy Sheriffs Floyd Brashier and Jim Calhoun and taken to Rayville.

Although the exact cause of the fight between the whites and blacks has not yet been determined, it is blamed by lumber men that several men went to the Negro quarters for the purpose of robbing. The identity of the men has not been ascertained, as they wore handkerchiefs over their faces.

District Attorney Ellis of Rayville is making a thorough investigation of the case and it is said it may involve several of the leading farmers of the Crew Lake district in addition to the three white men already under arrest. The arrest followed the investigation of the district attorney.

The congregation has about 100 adherents.

The Presbyterians have within the last few months established a congregation here. The presbytery has purchased the church formerly owned by Mt. Moriah Baptist church at Twenty-sixth and Seward. The Rev. Russell Taylor, a man of scholarship and ability, is the pastor. The congregation is small but growing.

The Seventh Day Adventists and other smaller groups are doing work in the city.

ZION CHURCH APPEAL

The Rev. W. F. Botts, pastor of Zion Baptist church, says plans are all made for a tag day, Thursday, for the purpose of raising \$5,000 for the church on Grant street. "Buy a tag and help us in a worthy cause," he says.

MT. MORIAH BAPTIST CHURCH

Services were good all day Sunday. Our rally comes up next Sunday, October 31. The following Sunday, November 7, the pastor closes his work as pastor and takes up his mission work.

Mr. Albert Wright and Miss Bessie Harlins were married Saturday night at the home of Mrs. Clark, 2807 Burdette street, Rev. W. H. Wilkinson officiating. The house was filled with guests.

OPENING SERVICES OF PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH

The following program will be given at Pilgrim Baptist church in its new location, Twenty-fifth and Hamilton streets, beginning November 1:

- Monday, Nov. 1—Opening night, 7:30 p. m.
Tuesday, Nov. 2—Zion Baptist church (night), Rev. W. F. Botts, pastor.
Wednesday, Nov. 3—Pleasant Green church (night), Rev. J. Costello, pastor.
Thursday, Nov. 4—Bethel church (night), Rev. Thomas Taggart, pastor.
Friday, Nov. 5—Mt. Moriah church (night), Rev. M. H. Wilkinson, pastor.
Saturday Evening, Nov. 6—Social event.

COLORED BOYS ARE FAVORITES IN GAME

North Des Moines Defeats Central High in Well-Played, Clean Game—McDavis and Fredericks Do Good Work for Des Moines and Galloway for Omaha.

In a game featured by every kind of football and spectacular plays, North Des Moines High school chalked up another defeat against Central High school Saturday afternoon at Rourke park, 21 to 7.

The teams were evenly matched and each side was able to make big gains through the opposing line. Both teams played a clean game.

Three colored lads were favorites. Fredericks, left half for Des Moines, on an intercepted pass made a spectacular touchdown after a run of 85 yards; McDavis, left end for the same team, scored. Galloway for Central High, played a strong game.

North Des Moines scored first after four minutes of play. Omaha received the kickoff, and after making first downs, was forced to punt. Des Moines received the ball on Central's 35-yard line and after two line plunges, a pass from Watkins to Davis netted 20 yards and the first touchdown. Wood kicked goal.

Completes Aerial Flip. The ball was kept in Omaha's territory most of the first quarter. In the second quarter, Watkins and McDavis completed a pass for 25 yards, the latter carrying the ball over. Watkins kicked goal.

At the beginning of the second half, Central made first downs four times by line plunges. With the ball in Omaha's possession on Des Moines' 15-yard line, Fredericks, the rangy halfback on the Iowa team, intercepted a pass and ran 85 yards for a touchdown. Watkins kicked goal.

At the beginning of the fourth quarter, the Purple and White team got possession of the ball through a fumble on their 50-yard line. Galloway made five yards, Smith 10 yards and Clement 10 yards. Campbell made a pass to Smith for 10 yards and then Campbell and Clement worked a pass for 20 yards, placing the ball on Des Moines' two-yard line. Smith carried the ball over for the touchdown. Clement kicked goal.

Falls to Drop Kick. Toward the end of the fourth quarter Watkins attempted a drop kick from the 40-yard line. Smith caught the ball and returned it 30 yards. The game ended with the ball in Des Moines' possession on its 50-yard line. Smith and Fredericks were the shining stars of the game. Smith played a fine defensive game, intercepting several forward passes and making some spectacular plays. Clement and Weston were good ground gainers for Central. Fredericks made an 85-yard run for Des Moines, and was good for a gain whenever called upon. Stout played a good defensive game.

PHILIPPINES DRY FIVE WEEKS EVERY 3 YEARS

MANILA, Oct. 19.—(Delayed.)—The Philippine Senate has adopted an amendment to the election law providing for prohibition of the sale and distribution of all liquors throughout the islands for five weeks preceding the general elections, which occur every three years. The amendment goes to the House.

POLITICAL POINTERS

PLEASE realize that the election depends upon every voter.

On his western swing, Gov. Cox has plenty of chance to see real "dirt farmers."

AVIATION "ACE" OPPOSES LEAGUE

Covenant of Nations Has but One Meaning, War, Declares Capt. "Eddie" Rickenbacker.

SPEAKS FOR BOYS WHO FOUGHT

Says Lawyers May Argue Point, but Soldiers Would Interpret Our Signature Only as Pledge to Fight Which Must Be Kept.

By Capt. "Eddie" Rickenbacker, Chapter I.

For a soldier, the League of Nations has just one meaning—war. It is a contract to fight. If we join the league we agree to fight when called in to do so.

International lawyers and diplomats may argue this point. Some say that we may sign the league covenant and still not fight unless we want. They argue that, after our allies call on us, we still are at liberty to go in or stay out.

The soldier does not look at the league covenant in this way. He does not bother with the law or diplomacy. We sign a contract; we must keep it. We give a promise; we must redeem it. He does not even think about



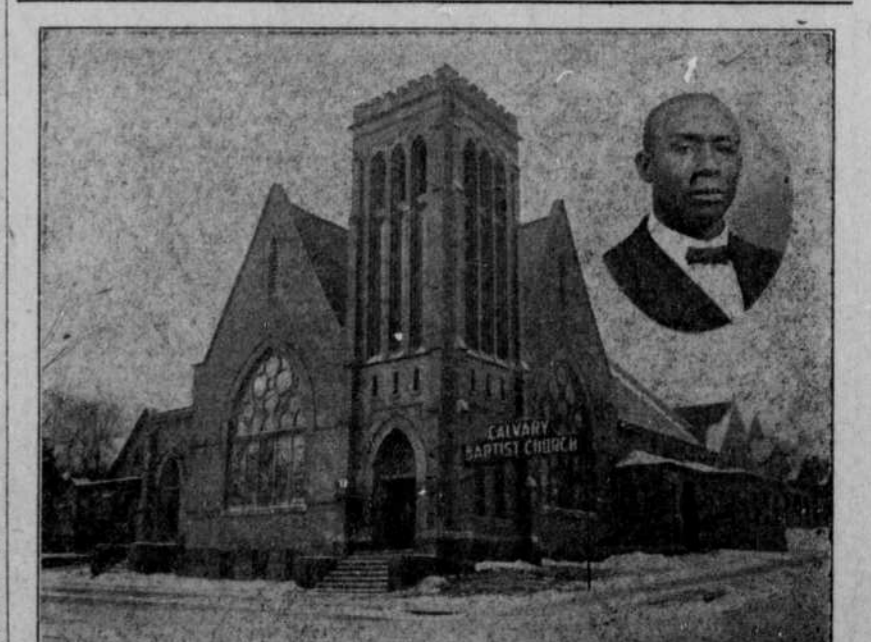
Capt. "Eddie" Rickenbacker.

whether it is morals or law that binds us. He only knows that if we give a pledge we are going to stand by it.

Take, for instance, article 10, the war article of the league. The soldier reads there that the members of the league "undertake to respect and preserve against external aggression" the territory and independence of all other members. That is the language of the covenant. The soldier translates that language in his mind into United States. He then would put the pledge, if signed by the United States, in about this form:

"The United States undertakes to respect and preserve against external aggression the territory of all members of the league." Add to this that to the soldier "external aggression" is merely a polite name for war and you have article 10 as he sees it. Everything else is to him just camouflage. We give our word to stand ready to fight, on call, for any other nation in the league that is suffering from a case of "external aggression." Once given, we have to keep it.

The trouble might come in China, or Siam, Greece, India or Egypt. We might be called to fight to keep 36,000,000 Chinese in Shantung under Japanese rule, or to hold India in the British empire; we might not like the job; we might even sympathize with the Chinese, or Hindus, but we should have given our word, in a plain contract, and we should have to keep it.



PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH—Formerly Calvary