

Among the Churches

ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Mother's day was befittingly observed at Zion last Sunday. Every detail of the service was planned in honor of her who, whether absent or present, will ever be held in honor and esteem by every one who has been blest to know her. Even those who might have been careless of her memory in days gone by could not fail to be stirred by Pastor Botts' sermon, "Behold Thy Mother."

Work is being rushed and ere long the culinary department will be ready for occupancy.

The Junior Rosebuds met Thursday night at Zion Baptist church, entertained by the president, Miss Marjorie Weston. The club has received many new members and they are doing their bit along all lines.

All members and friends are urged to be loyal to their pledges of systematic giving for the main auditorium.

The following strangers worshipped with us last Sunday: Mrs. Rosa Lee of Omaha, Mrs. Frances Johnson of Parsons, Kan.; Irene Brown, Kansas City, Mo.; Mr. Shannon Webster, Clinton, Mo., brother of Mrs. N. Hunter; Mrs. A. C. Ford, Casper, Wyo.; Mr. W. A. Vann, Muskogee, Okla.; Mrs. E. Moses, Columbia, Miss., and Mrs. Lizzie Salter, Cantonment, Fla.

Strangers are urged to make this their home church while in the city. Regular services next Lord's day.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Last Sunday evening the pastor preached on the subject, "A Reckoning Hour," to a crowded house, with several additions to the church. Visitors welcome.

The Mission Circle met Thursday night at the church. A very pleasant evening was spent.

Sisters Helen Vaughn, Cheeks, Garrison and Lee are yet on the sick list.

Little James Lee of Twenty-seventh and Z streets, died last week and was buried from Bethel Baptist church. The Johnson Funeral Home had charge of the remains.

Mother Vivian, who had been sick for some time, died Sunday evening at 6 o'clock.

Miss Classie Smith, who underwent an operation some time ago, is improving nicely.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH NEWS

Sunday, for the first time in the history of St. John's, was set aside exclusively for women. This was a day that will never be forgotten. In the morning a short but very excellent program was rendered previous to the beautiful sermon on "Love," preached by Mrs. Susie Glover. At night a program, not to be equalled in any metropolitan city, was produced exclusively by the women for women.

The papers, addresses, solos and songs appealed to the emotions of the whole audience. Mrs. Russell, who was chairman of the program, deserves much credit for its excellency. The men of St. John feel very proud of their intelligent Christian women. But, listen, the women didn't let the flag touch

PALESTINE, TEXAS

All the churches had good services Sunday.

Rev. S. M. Bolden was at his post Sunday and Rev. A. W. Williams was in his pulpit at Mount Vernon A. M. E. church, and Rev. D. J. Crawford was on the job at Antioch Baptist church.

Rev. C. C. Christian was at his place at Cartrell chapel, C. M. E. church last Sunday.

Rev. J. E. Lee had a successful day Sunday at the Christian church.

West Union Baptist church will have a grand installation service Sunday, May 26, when the pastor is to be installed.

The annual Thanksgiving service of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows was preached at Grant chapel Sunday and they had a good crowd out to witness it. Rev. H. McKenna preached the sermon.

Mrs. Laura Campbell died on the 7th and was buried on the 8th.

Major Walker died on the 10th and was buried on the 12th under the auspices of the Order of the Knights of

the ground when it came to the financial side. Their collection for the day was \$225.

Next Sunday will be Men's day. Everything will be conducted by men in the same way as by the women. Even the choir will be composed exclusively of men. They are working hard to reach the women, so come out next Sunday and see how they run affairs.

The Tuesday night class was very well attended the past week, but we hope to have more next Tuesday. Come out!

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Black will entertain Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock dinner in honor of Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Williams and son, Dr. Robert Williams, after which they will occupy a box at the Pinkston recital.

NEWS OF MOUNT MORIAH BAPTIST CHURCH

Twenty-sixth and Seward Streets; Rev. M. H. Wilkinson, Pastor.

Last Sunday service was well attended all day.

At 3 o'clock at St. John's church the pastor preached the annual sermon of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows and Household of Ruth to a crowded house.

Sunday morning service, 10:45; Sunshine Mission Circle, 6:30 p. m.; preaching at 8 o'clock. Strangers welcome.

The ice cream social given at Mrs. E. W. Smith's home was a financial success.

The Kansas club will give a banquet and bazaar at the church June 7. Thirty-five cents a plate. J. L. Betts, president.

The Busy Bee society and the B. Y. P. U. met at the residence of Mrs. G. Watts, 1618 North Twenty-first street, Friday evening, May 10. The pleasant feature of the evening was that the two societies met and reorganized as one, namely, the B. Y. P. U. No change was made in the officers. Many members were present.

Mrs. Edna Owens of Oklahoma was received as a member. After lunch was served the evening was spent joyously in music and games. Mrs. Gates, president; Miss Viola Hibbler, secretary.

The Sunshine Mission Circle rendered a short program Sunday evening, at which time Mrs. G. Allen, president of the Woman's Work, gave a few encouraging remarks.

Rev. and Mrs. M. H. Wilkinson were entertained at dinner Tuesday by Mr. and Mrs. W. Harvel, 1410 North Twenty-sixth street, and by Mr. and Mrs. William Bridges, 2415 Indiana avenue, Thursday evening.

The Silver Leaf club will meet Tuesday, May 21, with Mrs. L. Estelle, 941 North Twenty-seventh street.

ALLEN A. M. E. CHURCH

5233 South Twenty-fifth Street; Rev. J. A. Broadnax, Pastor.

Third quarterly conference at Allen A. M. E. church Sunday, the 19th.

Rev. Dr. H. W. King, P. E., will preach at 11 a. m.; Rev. Dr. W. C. Williams of St. John's at 3 p. m., and the pastor emeritus at 8:30 p. m.

A cordial welcome to all.

Pythias. He was a faithful member of Grant chapel, A. M. E. church.

Mrs. R. L. Lee, junior matron of the Heroines of Jericho, was in the city last week making her annual visit.

Rev. M. W. Dogan and Rev. I. Garland Penn passed through the city last Thursday enroute to Butte.

Rev. G. W. Carter and Rev. S. M. Bolden went to Butte last week on church business.

Rev. Thornton was in to see his family last Thursday and returned to his work Saturday.

Miss Jessie Green, Mrs. P. A. Tillis, Rev. I. W. Waters and Mrs. Nettie Jackson are on the sick list.

Mrs. Ella Coleman is much improved, after undergoing an operation last week.

Mrs. Florentine Pinkston, pianiste, will be assisted by Mrs. Cecelia Wilson-Jewell, contralto, and Mr. W. G. Haynes, tenor, at her recital Tuesday, May 21, at the Y. W. C. A. auditorium.

Vote for me; I'm a winner. Moonlight club, at the Mecca, May 30.

We have arranged for a series of six interesting articles, "War Talks, by Uncle Dan," written by Mr. Howard H. Gross, president of the Universal Military Training League, of which this is the first. They tell in a graphic way why military training is of value, both to the nation and to the individual, and our readers will find them of unusual interest.

WAR TALKS

By UNCLE DAN

Number One

America Must Fight Hard or Germany May Win—Necessity for Military Training.

"Now, Billie," said his mother, "your Uncle Dan is coming tomorrow to spend a week with us on the farm, and if you want to know about the war, here's your opportunity. Uncle Dan is probably one of the best-informed men in the country." Billie clapped his hands and gave such a whoop that he awakened the baby, but what could you expect of a fifteen-year-old boy who is a living interrogation point and wants to know about war?

Uncle Dan arrived in due time and Billie watched for an opportunity. It came that evening after dinner when Uncle Dan had lighted a cigar and taken a seat on the porch.

"I'm mighty glad you came, Uncle Dan. I want to talk to you about the war. We have just put military training in our township high school, but we had a hard time to do it. The Joneses and the Greggs objected. They said the war wouldn't come over here. Grandma Jones said: 'They ain't no use to worrit, it will soon blow over.' Well, we put the training in just the same. You orter heard Judge Brownell, the president of the school board, do the slackers up. He said unless we take off our coats and go to it, Germany may yet win, and if she does, she will take over the great British fleet as a war trophy and compel us to do what ever she wants to; that she could make us pay all the cost of the war; the kaiser could tax us as he pleased and that we couldn't help ourselves. He could make every one pay over a part of what he earns; that he could make the farmers pay rent for their own farms, etc. Now, Uncle, what do you think of that?"

"Well, my boy," said Uncle Dan, "all that Judge Brownell says might easily come true and may unless we go quickly to the aid of the allies with large numbers of men and help them break the German line. Unless we can beat the submarines, they may prevent us from getting enough food to the allies to keep them going. In that case Germany would win. As matters stand today, our greatest need is trained men. If we had had several millions of men with military training in our industries and on our farms when the war came, who could have been called at once for service, I do not believe the kaiser would have forced the war upon us. As it was, he had no respect for us, and now we are in it and must go through with it. But never again must we be caught so wholly unprepared."

"There is only one safe way," said Uncle Dan, "and that is to adopt permanently universal military training, apply it to every young man who is physically fit, say in his nineteenth or twentieth year. The training can be carried forward in the United States training camps that are now being established for training men called by the selective draft. As soon as these men vacate these stations, they should be filled by younger men, and this should be made the permanent policy of the country."

Billie's mother, Mrs. Graham, had overheard the conversation. She came out and said: "Really, Brother Dan, are you serious as to the dangers of our country? If it is as bad as that, it is high time for us to wake up and do something about it."

"Exactly," replied Uncle Dan. "It is better to wake up now than to be rudely awakened later. We may as well understand, sister, that this is our war and we must win it or God help America. Everything that we have or hope to have—our liberties, our blessings, our opportunities are all involved in the great issue before us. Nothing must stand between us and winning this war. It is a question whether the peoples' right or the kaiser's might shall dominate the world. If there ever was a holy war, this is it. We are fighting for world liberty. We are fighting for the freedom of humanity. We are fighting for the right of men to govern themselves instead of being governed against their will by a war-mad overlord. Perilous times are ahead of us. We must be prepared to make any sacrifice, to perform any service that may be required of us."

"Oh, Uncle Dan," exclaimed Billie, "may I bring my chum, Jimmie Collins, when we have our next talk? He is a bug on this war business and just crazy to see you."

"Certainly," said Uncle Dan, with a hearty laugh. "If we are to have more talks, I shall be glad to have Jimmie join us."

Billie clapped his hands and ran to the phone and told Jimmie to be over at seven o'clock the next evening.

GENERAL WHO ORDERED EXECUTION REDUCED

San Antonio, Tex.—Major General John W. Ruchman, commander of the Southern department, has been relieved of that duty, resumes his rank of brigadier general in the regular army and will go to the northeastern department as commander, with headquarters in Boston. He will be succeeded as commander here by Major General Willard A. Holbrook, recently in command at Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, O. General Holbrooke is on his way to San Antonio now and will assume command upon his arrival.

General Ruckman failed to pass the physical examination for overseas service last Monday and as a result his rank as major general, national army, was forfeited.

General Ruckman, it will be remembered, was in command of the Department of the Southwest, with headquarters at Houston, Tex., and excited a great deal of adverse criticism at the time of the execution of the forty-five Colored soldiers at Camp Travers, San Antonio, Tex., because of his failure to exercise his discretion in having their sentence of execution reviewed by the president.

AID IN LIBERTY LOAN DRIVE

Nashville, Tenn., May 10.—In the recent third Liberty loan campaign, here the Colored Association of Railway Employes "went over" by purchasing over \$5,700 worth of bonds.

The Moonlight club will give their third annual ball at the New Mecca, May 30. William H. Snell, president; O. Rountree, secretary; Mrs. P. A. Bell, treasurer.

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