

**TRUSTEES OF ST. JOHN'S
A. M. E. CHURCH DEFEND THE
PASTOR, REV. W. C. WILLIAMS**

**Deny Every Allegation Set Forth in
Petition Filed in District Court by
H. J. Pinkett**

In answer to the untruthful, unfounded, cowardly attack which H. J. Pinkett makes against the Rev. W. C. Williams, pastor of St. John's A. M. E. church, the Board of Trustees of said church desire to make the following statement:

H. J. Pinkett served as trustee of this church during the time of the erection of the factory, built by St. John's church and rented to the M. E. Smith company, which has been in operation for more than a year, employing between 50 and 60 colored girls and women. In this capacity he concurred in and endorsed every transaction made by the pastor and board, relative to the proposition and has on several occasions both verbally and in writing, publicly endorsed the project. Because of his recent antagonism to the pastor, and his failure to satisfactorily discharge the duties of his office as trustee, he was asked several weeks ago for his resignation from the board and summoned to appear at a church conference to be held January 5, 1921, at which time action on his case would be taken. The petition as filed in district court is simply a revengeful, vindictive, malicious, highly colored distortion of the facts in the case, in an effort to discredit the pastor of this church, Rev. W. C. Williams, and to retard, if possible, the erection of a new church for this congregation, the campaign for which is now on. Not one single allegation as set forth in the petition is true. He can produce no witnesses or documents to substantiate a single charge which he has made.

(1) The congregation has no quarrel with the pastor. (2) Rev. Williams has never handled a single dollar of the funds of this church during his pastorate in this city. (3) The Trustees—not the pastor—were empowered to build the factory. (4) The church did not put \$6,000.00 into the property. (5) The Rev. W. C. Williams did not mortgage the property for \$2,000.00—there is not and never has been any such mortgage against the property. (6) Rev. Williams was not paid \$800.00 for his work. (7) Mr. Pinkett in his petition claims to have raised \$1,000.00 during the twenty months for St. John's church. A year ago the Trustee Board gave Mr. Pinkett permission and official stationery to solicit funds for the building fund of the church. Up to date, he has failed to turn in a single five-cent piece of the funds which he may have collected.

These are the facts:
During the summer of 1919 the M. E. Smith Co. approached Rev. W. C. Williams with a plan for the establishment of a factory which would employ a large number of colored girls and women, if a suitable location could be secured and a building erected. Rev. Williams presented the proposition to the church. The church accepted the proposition and empowered the trustees to build the factory. Rev. Mr. Williams was empowered to complete negotiations and superintend the erection of said building. The ground was bought in the name of Rev. Williams for the sum of \$2,800.00 from the Independent Realty Co. of this city. One thousand dollars was paid down—the balance of \$1,800.00 to become due in one year and six months. This \$1,800.00 constitutes the entire indebtedness on the property. The cost of the erection of the factory was, in round figures, \$6,432.37. Adding to this the \$1,000.00 for the lot, the total amount expended in the transaction was \$7,432.37. Of this amount St. John's church furnished \$4,967.37; Rev. Williams paid into the treasury of the Trustee Board the following amounts and on these specific dates: 1919—Oct. 16, \$500.00; Oct. 14, \$215; Oct. 23, \$150.00; Oct. 23, \$150.00; Oct. 28, \$2,000.00; Oct. 30, \$500.00; total, \$3,365.00. On December 1, 1919, at the regular monthly meeting of the Trustee Board of St. John's church, all members being present, Mr. Pinkett

included, the board voted unanimously to allow Rev. Williams \$702.00 for his services as supervisor of the construction of the building (Mr. Pinkett heartily endorsed the action), this amount equaling the difference between the amount of cash invested by the church and the amount of money which Rev. Williams had put in the property. At the same meeting Rev. Williams presented to the board for their inspection, a promissory note executed by himself to the M. E. Smith Co. The M. E. Smith Co. agreed to rent the factory at a monthly rental of \$200.00 per month for a term of two years, with an option of a further period of three years at a rental of \$2,000.00 per annum. The church has received its monthly rental of \$100.00 for every month since December, '19.

The \$100.00 share of the rental due Rev. Williams on his half interest in the factory, is withheld by the M. E. Smith Co. and applied upon the personal note given them by the pastor. Rev. Williams also executed in April, 1920, a warranty deed, conveying to St. John's church an undivided one-half interest in lots 15 and 16, block 7, Patrick's Second Addition. All instruments of conveyance, contracts and documents relative to the factory are in the hands of the secretary of the Board of Trustees of St. John's church.

The laws of the African Methodist church require an audit of all books of the official boards and the various auxiliaries quarterly at a conference presided over by the presiding elder of the district. This has been done at St. John's A. M. E. church. These meetings are open to the membership of the church. There has been no misappropriation of the funds of the church by the pastor, Rev. W. C. Williams. The official boards of the church have the fullest confidence in the honesty and integrity of the pastor; they have endorsed in toto all his official acts and are prepared to support and defend him against these untrue statements as made by H. J. Pinkett.

Respectfully submitted,
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ST.
JOHN'S A. M. E. CHURCH,
By JOHN C. PARKER,
Secretary of Board.

**LIVES THROUGH FIGHTING
THOUGH CAGE IS BURNED**



This parrot had a miraculous escape from death when Mr. Hanover's home in Mallow, Ireland, was destroyed by fire in reprisal for a raid made on the military barracks by Sinn Feiners. Polly's cage was destroyed by the blaze, but Polly came out unscathed.

**PREPARING LATE
WINTER DISHES**

**Some New and Excellent Recipes
Given to Tempt Languid
Spring Appetites.**

VEGETABLES ARE NECESSARY

Formulas Tried Out in Home Economics Kitchen of Department of Agriculture for Stored and Canned Garden Products.

Every housekeeper knows that by the last of February or first of March the average family is tired of winter vegetables, and yet vegetables are just as necessary in the spring diet, if not more so, than in the diet of any other season. So the clever cook uses new recipes for the stored and canned products of the garden and in that way tempts the languid spring appetites.

The following recipes are recommended by the experiment kitchen of the United States Department of Agriculture:

Tomato Toast.
Rub one quart of stewed tomatoes through a strainer. Return to stewpan and, if not already seasoned, add two level teaspoonsful of salt, half a teaspoonful of pepper and two tablespoonsful of butter. Place on the fire and cook five minutes. Have the bottom of a hot platter covered with well-toasted slices of bread and pour the hot tomato over it. Place a dropped or poached egg on each slice of toast and serve at once.

Puree of Cabbage and Potatoes.
1 pint boiled finely-minced cabbage, 2 teaspoonsful salt, 6 medium-sized potatoes, 1/2 pint hot milk, 1/2 teaspoonful pepper.
2 tablespoonsful of butter or savory

Peel the potatoes and put them in a stewpan with boiling water enough to cover them. Cook just 30 minutes. Pour off the water and mash fine and light. Beat in the hot milk, seasoning, and cabbage. Cook about five minutes longer.

Navy Bean Salad.
Soak beans overnight in plenty of cold water. In the morning pour off the water and put the beans in a stewpan with cold water enough to cover



Even Potatoes Taste Like a New Vegetable When Prepared in a New Way.

them generously. Let them come to the boiling point in this water, then drain. If the beans are old and hard, for each quart put a piece of soda about the size of a large bean in the water in which they are soaked overnight, also in the first water in which they are boiled.

The scalded and drained beans should be put back in the stewpan and covered generously with boiling water. Add one tablespoonful of salt for one

quart of beans. They should now cook slowly, with the cover partially off the stewpan until tender. Drain, and when cool serve with the following salad dressing:

Cream Salad Dressing.
1 cupful cream (sour 2 tablespoonsful or sweet), vinegar.
1/2 cupful tomato cat- 2 tablespoonsful sup. sugar.
2 tablespoonsful sal- 1 teaspoonful salt. ad oil.

Mix the oil, salt, sugar and vinegar together, then beat in the catsup and finally add the cream, beating it in gradually. If lettuce is not available on which to serve the salad, a crisp leaf from a cabbage heart is a good substitute.

Spinach Loaf.
A small can of spinach, chard or beet tops will serve seven or eight people if it is made into a loaf combined with rice or bread crumbs. Asparagus or string beans are also good served this way.

1 can chopped spin- 2 cupfuls white ach. sauce.
4 cupfuls boiled rice. 1 red pepper.
Make a thick white sauce of two cupfuls of milk, four tablespoonsful of flour, four tablespoonsful of butter and one teaspoonful of salt. Melt fat and mix with flour, add to milk and stir over fire until it thickens. Mix with the rice, chopped spinach and pepper. Form into a loaf and bake 20 or 30 minutes.

RABBIT SALAD

To each cupful of diced cooked rabbit meat add one-half cupful celery and one-fourth cupful salad dressing, one-half teaspoonful salt, and a few grains of cayenne pepper. Mix thoroughly and pour into salad bowl lined with lettuce. Put one or two tablespoonsful of dressing on top and garnish with strings of green and red pepper.

Either a mayonnaise or a boiled dressing can be used for this salad.

**NOT DIFFICULT TASK
TO DESTROY ROACHES**

Use of Sodium Fluorid Is Simple and Effective Plan.

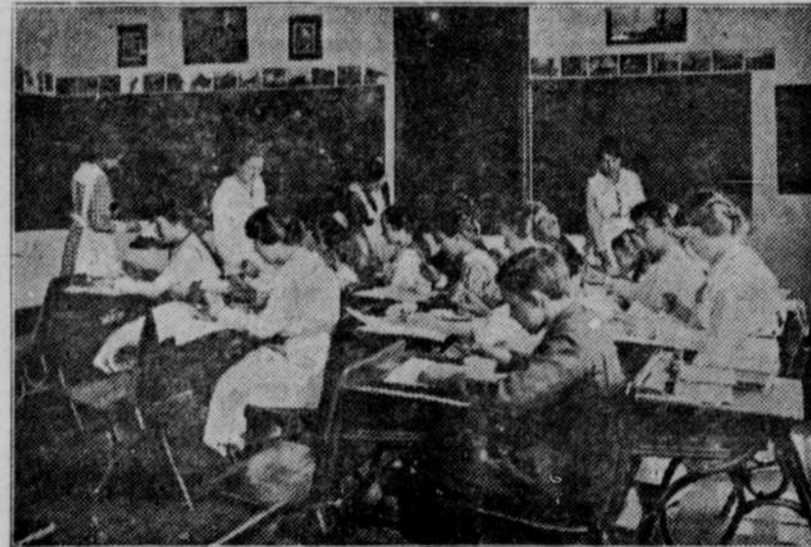
Obnoxious Insects Can Be Completely Exterminated With Little Trouble and Expense by Dusting With This Substance.

One of the most effective and simple means of ridding premises of roaches is dusting with commercial sodium fluorid, either pure or diluted one-half with some inert substance such as powdered gypsum or flour. This remedy is one recommended by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Numerous practical tests conducted in lunchrooms, bakeries, milk-bottle exchanges, etc., have shown that with the use of this substance roaches can be completely exterminated with very little trouble and cost and with none of the possible dangers attending the use of hydrocyanic-acid gas, another efficient means of control. With the use of some dust gun or blower the sodium fluorid can be thoroughly dusted over the shelves, tables, floors and the runways and hiding places of the roaches.

The immediate effect of the powder is to cause these insects to come out of their retreats and rush about more or less blindly, showing evidence of discomfort, to be followed in the course of a few hours by their death. The dead or paralyzed roaches can be swept up and burned, and complete extermination is effected within 24 hours. It is not definitely known whether the sodium acts through the breathing pores or as a stomach poison. Probably, however, it acts in both ways, inasmuch as it has been found to kill caterpillars fed on foliage dusted with it.

IMPORTANCE OF HOT LUNCHES



Pupils Eating Lunch at Their Desks in Rural School.

Teachers and parents are commencing to realize the importance of hot school lunches, and the home-demonstration agents sent out by the United States Department of Agriculture and the state colleges are helping to establish hot lunches in communities which are awake to their value. Last year these extension workers, who are trained in home economics, helped establish hot lunches in 2,929 schools. The work will be continued this year on an even larger scale. In some counties a wall of prejudice against the innovation has to be broken down before it can be started. Where this is true, the success of the hot lunch in one school, where it has been established, is usually followed by a demand for something similar in all the adjacent schools.

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