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The Rev. and Mrs. Melvin L. Shakespear have been in active pastoral work in the African Methodist church since 1939. Rev. Shakespear, who is now attending Cotner College, a religious college of the University of Nebraska, is organizer and builder of the First A.M.E. church at Hastings, Neb., where he pastored for four years. He has pastored churches in Nebraska and Kansas. Mrs. Shakespear received her education at the University of Nebraska where she is an active

member of Zeta Chapter of Kappa Phi alumnae organization. She is vice president of Quinn Chapel lay organization and a member of the Order of Eastern Stars. She was a delegate to the General Conference held in Kansas City '48 and to the second quadrennial missionary society held in Memphis.

Mrs. Shakespear and her husband, publishers of The Voice, have received national recognition for their accomplishments. Both are members of the Lincoln Urban League and the NAACP.



DR. LEWIS S. GOOLSBY

Dr. Lewis S. Goolsby, pastor of St. Paul A.M.E. Church, Columbia, Missouri, aspires to editorship of the Western Christian Recorder. A Georgian by birth and training, an African Methodist of pure stock, he has given forty years of unbroken service and success as pastor and presiding elder. He was delegate to last General Conference and is a trustee of Wilberforce University; a graduate of Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Georgia, and of Turner's Theological Seminary. Also studied at the University of California, in Berkeley, received his D.D. degree from Western University. Thirty years spent in the West, this has given him the personal belief that the East and West can meet. In harmony with wishes of friends he therefore aspires for this Post.

Youth to Conference

NEW YORK — (ANP) — Youth delegates to the 42nd annual NAACP convention in Atlanta elected Miss Claire M. Johnson, secretary of a Berkeley college chapter of the NAACP, alternate delegate to the World Assembly of Youth conference, which will meet on the campus of Cornell university August 5th to 16th.

Miss Johnston is a graduate student at the University of Cali-

AME Laymen Meet

(Continued from P 1) groups will begin their deliberations.

Heading the body will be Attorney Herbert L. Dudley of Detroit, Mich., whose rise in A.M.E. lay circles is phenomenal, according to George J. Jones.

Speakers for the two district meetings include: P. G. Porter, Olathe, Kas., grand master of Kansas Masons; Lloyd Kerford, Atchison, of the famed quarry industry; Dr. J. Louis Ransom, Topeka, president of Kansas laymen; Mrs. Gertrude Clark, Lawrence, Kas., a member of the executive board of laymen.

Clayton P. Lewis, Lincoln, Neb., grand master of Nebraska Masons; Mrs. I. S. Smith Morgan, Denver, Colo., secretary of Supreme Order of Woodmen; C. A. Stafford, Los Angeles, Cal., president of Southern California Conference of Laymen; Dr. Alfred Farrell, Jefferson City, Mo., English instructor at Lincoln university; Clarence Owens, Kansas City, Mo., president of Southwest Missouri Conference of Laymen and N. W. Thatcher, Sr., owner of Thatcher's Mortuary, Kansas City, Kas.; Mrs. Robert D. Aikens, principal of Mme. C. J. Walker Beauty school, Kansas City, Mo.; J. T. Ansell, Macon, Mo., president of Northwest Missouri conference of Laymen and James H. Browne, vice president of Douglas State bank, Kansas City, Kas.

Many bishops and general officers will be present and in attendance. Other outstanding speakers who will appear on program according to Attorney Dudley will be J. Ernest Wilkins, an outstanding attorney of Chicago, Ill., and a prominent layman of the Methodist church and a member of the Judicial Council of that church; the Honorable Perry Jackson, judge of Municipal court

of Cleveland, Ohio; Dr. A. S. Jackson, Financial Secretary of the A.M.E. church; Professor E. A. Selby, secretary-treasurer of the A.M.E. Sunday School Union; Miss Eleanor J. Woodcock of Oberlin College, and Dr. Charles L. Hill, president of Wilberforce University.

Christian Social Life

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON
SCRIPTURE: Romans 12, 2; 1 Corinthians 8; 1 John 2:15-17.

MEMORY SELECTION—Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? 1 Corinthians 3-16.

PRESENT DAY APPLICATION
By Frederick D. Jordan
Los Angeles, Calif.

Paul makes the issue very clear as to the basic principle for Christian conduct in social life. A Christian must be independent. It must mean more to one to be a Christian than to satisfy an appetite or conform to a custom. Christianity cannot be divorced from morality. One cannot be a consistent Christian by being exact in the performance of religious services and unrestrained in the indulgence of any evil passion. Ye we see leaders today even in this our beloved Church who profess Christianity as a doctrine and as a form of worship, but not as a rule of life. Leaders, you and I must stand for Christian ideals and follow Christian precedents in our daily lives, or suffer the loss of our influence as Christians and the respect of the Community.

What to Call The Minister

An overwhelming majority of the laymen and, believe it or not, a considerable minority of the clergy, have lost some sleep over the question, "What shall we call our minister?" Perhaps we ought to discuss the matter during these weeks when we are hearing reports from the round table on "The Minister and His Laymen." What are the possibilities from which laymen choose?

Most popular is "reverend," which really means "worthy of reverence," a state of grace that the average clergyman seldom attains. He probably will not object to the title, which the dictionary lists as a colloquialism, but he will not think himself deserving. "Reverent," as many good people insist in mispronouncing the term, would really be more appropriate.

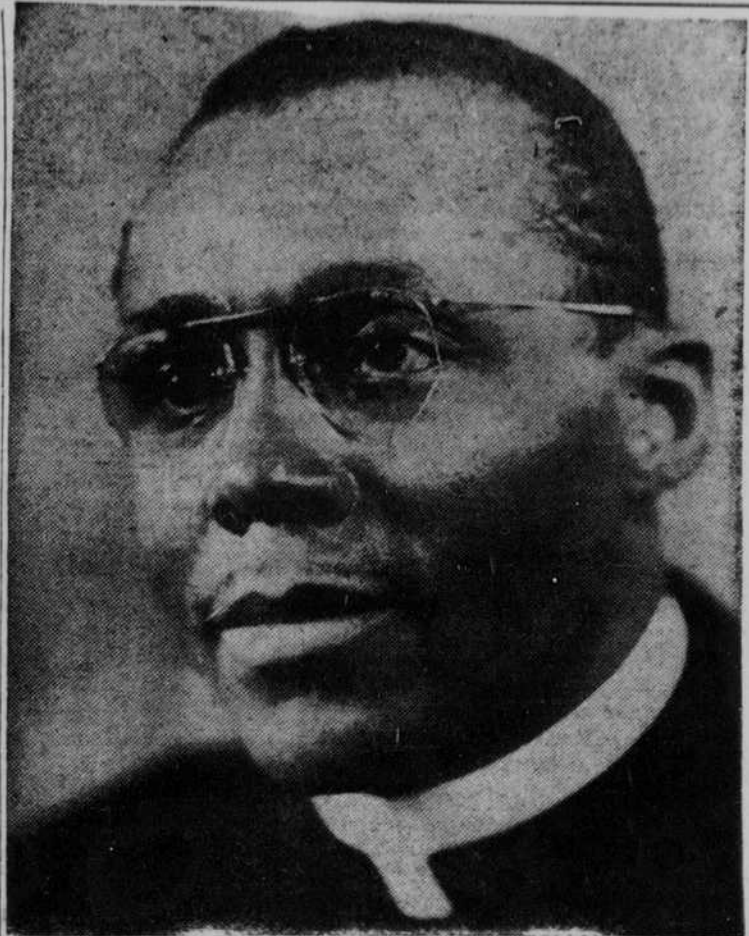
There is "doctor," which correctly means "teacher," but it has come to have another significance. There is a medical aroma about it, so that bewildered patients are inclined to ask, "Are you a doctor who preaches or one who practices?" The ecclesiastical unctiousness of the term might be lessened somewhat if theological seminaries gave the only doctor's degrees for ministers, and only for academic requirements fulfilled.

"Brother" is a good title, though it hardly distinguishes a minister from a layman, for we are told that, "One is your minister and all ye are brethren." Besides, the term has received wide currency in the fraternal orders.

"Parson" was a likely title back in the days when Parson Weems was telling the story of young George Washington chopping down the cherry tree, but "parson" sounds quaint today. Moreover, it is scarcely accurate for the minister because it really means "person," the one person in the community who could read and write, and also had the authority to baptize, marry, and bury.

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of Cleveland, Ohio; Dr. A. S. Jackson, Financial Secretary of the A.M.E. church; Professor E. A. Selby, secretary-treasurer of the A.M.E. Sunday School Union; Miss Eleanor J. Woodcock of Oberlin College, and Dr. Charles L. Hill, president of Wilberforce University.



Dr. Frederick D. Jordan—Los Angeles

His work among us is an enduring contribution:
• Western University School of Religion
• Bethel Church, Kansas City, Missouri
• 8th and Towne, Los Angeles and now

• Ward A.M.E. Church—Los Angeles, African Methodism's most complete church plant

Of Special Interest to Laymen

Mr. Norman O. Houston, President of the Golden State Life Insurance Company is an active A.M.E. He recently presided over the sessions of the National Negro Life Insurance Convention at Memphis, Tenn.

The chairman of the Elks Civil Liberties Committee in Los Angeles is Mr. Augustus Clay Steward in Bethel church of which Dr. T. L. Scott is pastor. Mr. Clay is also active in AFL labor circles.

Miss Vernethia King, registered nurse is a volunteer social worker in Ward A.M.E. church, Los Angeles, Dr. Frederick D. Jordan, minister. Her professional services are available where ever needed regardless of the ability of the patient to pay.

Mrs. Lydia Vance Harris, a member of the Eighth and Towne, Los Angeles is one of several Negro women in the Public Health Service of the city.

Mrs. Ethel Taylor, public school teacher of Los Angeles, recently received her Master's Degree from the University of Southern California. She is director of the Vacation church school at Ward A.M.E., Los Angeles.

Two significant building projects in Southern California which are being completed this summer are a \$16,000.00 parsonage at First church Pasadena. The Rev. Harry J. White, minister; and the \$40,000.00 church rebuilding of First Church Santa Monica where Rev. L. T. Thornhill is pastor.

James H. Browne, a vice president of the Douglas State bank, and officer of the Atlanta Life Insurance company, was named a member of the Kansas City, Kas., civil service board recently. He is the first Negro to serve on that body which was increased from three to five by a law passed at the last session of the legislature.

The June meeting of the A.M.E. Ministers' Wives Alliance, of Los Angeles and vicinity, was held at the home of Mrs. Mary King, wife of Rev. Ralph R. King. Mrs. King and Mrs. Beatrice Johnson served as hostesses.

The final plans and preparations for the "Dinner in the Garden," to be held in the picturesque garden of Rev. and Mrs. Ralph R. King, 2940 S. Harvard Blvd., was

set for August 14th. This colorful event will be in honor of Bishop and Mrs. D. Ormonde Walker and visitors of the Southern California Conference.

Mrs. Hayden, wife of the pastor at Jefferson City, Missouri, has recently been elected an officer in the Missouri Council of Church Women. This is a signal honor and it is with pride that we report it for Mrs. Hayden is President of the Missouri Conference Branch and a prominent A.M.E. Church woman. Negro women have served United Church Women's organizations in many of the more liberal states for many years, but it is only recently that "bars" have begun to be lifted in the "border states." This is a good sign, and we await further information of such activity in other states.

John A. Woods, representative of the Puget Sound Conference, joined Bethel

A.M.E. church, Yakima, Washington in 1927. He was lay delegate to the general conference in Kansas City. He has been trustee and is now a steward and district steward in his church. Mr. Woods is serving his 40th year as an employee of the National Bank of Commerce in Yakima.

George L. W. Phillips, Redlands, Calif., member of the executive committee of the 5th district lay organization has served 25 years in A.M.E. churches in Boston, Mass., Allen Chapel, Providence, R. I., and 10 years in Riverside, California. He is a Mason, Eastern Star, Odd Fellow and past Exalted Ruler of I.B.P.-O.E. of W.

Joseph T. Ansell, jr., president of the North Missouri Conference Laymen's League, was born in Macon, Mo., where he received

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