

AME Delegation Exchange Views AT Oxford Conf.

The Delegates of our church to the Eighth Ecumenical Methodist Conference, held in Oxford, England, will be filling the columns of our papers with interesting news from that session, for the next few months, I am sure. There were fifty-eight loyal African Methodists there, and they made their impression. Those who attended the Conference were diligent in taking notes, and in their participation. Those who were, as the British say, "On Holiday" will have great tales to tell of the beauties and interesting customs of the places visited. All gathered several times each week at Oxford with those attending the Conference and the fellowship was altogether delightful. We were afforded our "meeting place" by the generosity of Bishop John A. Gregg. The "password" was "Two-thirty" and at that time, coming from discussions at Examination Hall, from luncheon engagements, from shopping and from excursions to nearby places of interest, the African Methodists would be seen enroute to "Tom Three" at Christ College. There, in the spacious sitting room of Bishop Gregg's apartment, each day we came to share our views, to discuss developments taking place in the Conference and to exchange notes on various experiences. We looked forward to these fellowship periods which were enlivened almost each day by the unexpected and pleasant visit of one of the group who was "On Holiday."

Mrs. Roberta Davis Honored By Laymen

There was a lovely testimonial four-course turkey dinner given by the Executive Laymen's Board of the Southern California Conference of which Coley W. Stafford is President. The dinner was given on Labor Day at the Second A.M.E. Church pastored by the Rev. Mr. Jesse L. Glover. The tables were beautifully decorated and the dinner was well-prepared and served by the committee. Serving as waiters were Messrs Mose E. Webb, Joseph Ellis, and Bert Farmer. Our special guests were Mrs. Roberta Davis, her husband, Mr. A. E. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Andrews, Miss Juanita Johnson, Mrs. Runeff Transue, and Mr. C. A. Freeman. Following testimonies to Mrs. Davis, the honoree, she was presented with gifts. Mrs. Davis responded with many thanks of appreciation stating that she would continue to be loyal to the church and the lay organization in San Diego as she had been here in Los Angeles. In connection with the affair, we gave tribute to President Stafford, Mose E. Webb, our delegate, and to Evangelist Lucy Minor who have just returned from our Fifth Episcopal District and Connectional Laymen's Meeting which convened in St. Louis, Missouri on August 1, 1951. Other tributes were given to Mr. Ralph Jones of 1331 West Third Street, Santa Ana, California, who is our newly appointed District Supervisor, and to Mr. B. W. Inghram, who was named Mr. Layman of 1951.

The church was well represented by the several presidents of the various local church leagues. Several ministers looked in on us and gave words of encouragement. The evening was perfect. The benediction was pronounced by Evangelist Cherry Ross.

Camille Leftridge, reporter.

Mr. Laymen of 1951

Mr. Thomas Person, president of the Laymen's League, First Church, 8th & Towne, in Los Angeles, California, held his first meeting of the new conference year on September 16th, 1951. Mr. Person, a very worthy man to fill the position of president, is president of the board No. 1 and a senior steward.

Rev. Alvin A. Shaw is pastor of First Church in Los Angeles.

Bishop Oxnam At Bennett

GREENSBORO, N. C.—(ANP)—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, resident bishop of the New York area, was the principal speaker Tuesday, Oct. 30, at services observing the 78th anniversary of Bennett college here.

Bishop Oxnam also spoke at a testimonial dinner given by ministers and laymen of the North Carolina conference, for Bishop and Mrs. Alexander P. Shaw of Baltimore. Bishop Shaw is resident head of the Baltimore area which includes the North Carolina Conference. Organized in 1972 as a co-educational school for the religious training of Negro youth, Bennett college became a women's college in 1926. Dr. David D. Jones is president of the college.

Zenobia Wilson Candidate For Chief Secretary

Delegates and friends of the S. W. Missouri conference lay organization which was held in Kansas City October 13th, were guests at a reception for Mrs. Zenobia H. Wilson, candidate for Chief Secretary to the General Conference to be held in Chicago, May 1952. The reception, sponsored by the Booters' Club, was held at Tracy Center with approximately 150 persons attending.

J. D. Williams, delegates to the General Conference did a magnificent job as master of ceremonies and R. T. Sweeney host-president, ably assisted him.

Mrs. Glendoris Evans, campaign manager for Mrs. Wilson, was a charming hostess and, in brief remarks, reaffirmed her belief that the prayers of the righteous avail much.

Many prominent and outstanding guests and admirers of the honoree were introduced and emphasized the ability and fitness of the candidate and gave a review of her experience as a member of the secretarial staff in Detroit, 1940; Philadelphia, 1944; Little Rock and Kansas City, Kansas in 1948.

Mrs. Rubie W. Shakespeare, editor of the Laymen's Voice was introduced and spoke briefly on the significance of the press in sponsoring such a campaign.

The Rev. McCoy Ransom, pastor of Ward Chapel, Kansas City, complimented the club and encouraged the laymen to continue

Choice of the Church



Dr. Frederick D. Jordan
Los Angeles, California
The Choice of the Church for Bishop
... At this General Conference

as Strong, Loyal Dependable. God-Fearing Laymen.

Mr. Sweeney is chairman of the club.

What Laymen Are Doing

Mr. M. E. Webb, member and ardent worker of Second A.M.E. church, Los Angeles, California took a well deserved vacation during the summer. Being a very active member of the Laymen's League of Southern California, he attended the National convention held in St. Louis, Missouri. He was accompanied by his wife, and two daughters, Misses Marion and Eloise and his sister, Ethel Webb, who works untiringly as choir director of Ward's Chapel A.M.E. church. Stops made during this vacation were Fort Worth and Dallas, Texas, Kansas City and St. Louis, Missouri and Denver, Colorado.

The A.M.E. Ministers of Southern California and the officers, members and friends of Ward A.M.E. church gave a "BON VOYAGE PARTY" in August honoring Dr. and Mrs. Frederick D. Jordan, delegate to the World Methodist Conference in Oxford, England. Honorary co-chairmen were Dr. Browning C. Allen and Dr. Alfred K. Quinn. General chairman was Mr. Oscar V. Little.

Coley W. Stafford, president of Southern California conference, and Chaplain Lucy Minor, Redlands, Calif., were among persons to attend the National Laymen's meeting held in St. Louis, Missouri.

Laymen's day at Allen A.M.E. church, San Bernardino, California was a huge success with its president, Dixon Johnson. Sister Vassar Burke Freeman of Price Chapel, Los Angeles, California, was guest speaker. Many churches were represented including Lula White Fontana, George Phillips, Riverside, California; Lucy Minor, Redland; Mose Webb and Bro Buckner, Los Angeles. After the afternoon meeting a chicken dinner was served.

Mr. J. E. Bell, president of the Lay Leagues of St. Paul A.M.E. church, St. Louis, Missouri, attended the annual lay conference held at Allen Chapel Kansas City, Missouri, October 13th. In his remarks he praised the officers and lay members for the very fine progress they are making.

Mrs. Dolly Brown Glasse,

Jesus The Carpenter

Charles M. Sheldon

If I could hold within my hand
The hammer Jesus swung,
Not all the gold in all the land,
Nor jewels countless as the sand,
All in the balance flung,
Could weigh the value of that thing
Round which his finger once did cling.

If I could have the table Christ
Once made in Nazareth,
Not all the pearls in all the sea,
Nor crowns of kings or kings to be
As long as men have breath,
Could buy that thing of wood he made;
The Lord of Lords who learned a trade.

Yea, but his hammer still is down
By honest hands that toil,
And round his table men sit down;
And all are equals, with a crown
Nor gold nor pearls can soil;
The shop of Nazareth was bare;
But brotherhood was builded there.

widely known A.M.E. church choir director, singer and organist, became the bride recently of Mr. Freeman L. Martin, veteran St. Louis attorney. Atty. Martin is president of the Missouri conference lay organization.

The ceremony was performed at the Bethel A.M.E. church where Mrs. Glasse has been choir director intermittently for about 12 years by the Rev. Francis H. McClure, Bethel pastor. Several hundred persons were present to witness the marriage of the two well-known Mid-Westerners.

Religion in The News

Forty-five young men and women, selected for three years of service each in Africa under sponsorship of the Methodist church, have completed a six-weeks training and orientation period at Hartford, Conn., and will soon be enroute to Africa. The group made up of twenty men and twenty-five women, each under thirty years of age, includes teachers, technicians, ministers and religious educators, agricultural workers, builders, recreational leaders, nurses, social workers, and musicians.

Father, Son Receive Honors



CHARLES M. GOOLSBY

Charles M. Goolsby, has recently been admitted to the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Harvard University where he is pursuing work toward a Ph.D. degree in biology with an emphasis on internal secretions.

Mr. Goolsby received his B.Sc. in zoology at the University of Nebraska in 1948 and M.Sc. degree in physiology in July of this year. While at Nebraska he held appointments as graduate assistant from 1949 until his graduation. He is a member of the Society of Sigma Xi, national research honorary, and of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity in which organization he has served as Regional Director for Nebraska and Iowa since 1948. At the Ivy League school he has received an appointment as a research assistant to one of the country's leading endocrinologists.

Mr. Goolsby is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Lewis S. Goolsby of Columbia, Mo., and formerly of Lincoln. He was this year elected Grand Patron for Amaranthus Grand Chapter, O.E.S.; he has been a trustee of Quinn Chapel church, and a member of Lebanon Lodge No. 3 A.F. & A.M., Robert Huckles Consistory, Amaranthus Chapter No. 3, O.E.S., the Lincoln



DR. LEWIS S. GOOLSBY

Dr. Lewis S. Goolsby was recently elected to the General Conference to be held in Chicago, May 1952. He was honored to led the North Missouri delegation.

Candidate for Western Recorder

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.

Urban League, the Lincoln Council on Human Relations, successor to the Lincoln Social Action council, and the Y.M.C.A.