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churches have sent 139 sheets; 322 pillow cases; 683 wash cloths; 111 hand towels; 241 bath towels and comment of the administrator: "The partial report on linen from the churches is an indication of the high regard, the ministers and the presiding officer of the 5th episcopal district. We are grateful to Bishop Walker for instituting this needed drive.

Dr. George F. Martin, pastor of Ebenezer A.M.E. Church and a member of the board asked for consideration of a station wagon to be used for the transportation of the public and the personnel from the bus line at 27th and Farrow. The matter was referred to the committee on administration, Fred White, chairman.

A sad note was sounded when it was revealed that the wife of one of the board members, Dr. M. R. Dixon, pastor of St. Paul A.M.E. Church, St. Louis, Missouri passed away recently. Dr. Dixon was remembered by his co-workers during this period of bereavement.

The session closed with a resolution read by the Rev. E. W. Newton, Presiding Elder of the Kansas City District, Nebraska Annual Conference. The resolution praised highly the work done by Bishop and Mrs. D. Ormonde Walker and their daughter, Mrs. Yvonne Walker Roberts in the leadership and guidance given to the work of the hospital. The resolution was strong in its demand that the coming General Conference return Bishop Walker to the district for another quadrennium.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO DR. SAMUEL S. MORRIS, DIRECTOR DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

By Dr. J. Louis Ransom, Kansas Conf. Lay Organization
Dear Sir:

I have read your Bill to improve the Ministerial Training in the A.M.E. Church. I am glad that you recognize the acute need of a better orientated ministry in our Church. However, the proposed legislation should also integrate the training and orientation of lay-leaders for the purpose of implementing the lay program of our proposed lay set-up in the A.M.E. Church Connection.

I am certain that the "Study Program" that you suggest for the first year thru the fourth year embodies just what we need in Lay Organizations' "Study Course" for proper orientation of our leaders and those who are to be led. Our program has been greatly embarrassed because of the need for qualified pastors along the lines you suggest, who should be teaching our lay organizations these basic principles of the Lay program.

I have been getting my literature from the Methodist Publishing House in Chicago. However, I would prefer our own publishing department if the material is available. It would be the proper thing for the Lay-Organization to be integrated with the Department of Religious Education so far as Study Material is concerned.

It is our hope that Our Episcopacy will approve a Lay program for the entire Connection and recommend that proper legislation be enacted creating a Department of Lay Activities with a Connectional Board and a Connectional President to be elected by the General Conference.

DR. J. LOUIS RANSOM,
President

Kansas Conference Lay Organization African Methodist Episcopal Church.



REV. F. H. MASON

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Presiding Elder of Columbus District of the Ohio A.M.E. conference, 51 Jefferson Avenue, Columbus 15, Ohio.

Candidate for Bishopric in 1952
Pulpit and loyal churchman.
Pastor 27 years. Presiding Elder 14 years.

A special friend to rising ministers.

Believes in financing Colleges, Universities, Theological Seminaries and Church expansion.

Feels that ever mission church should pay, or be helped to pay, their pastor not less than \$25 per week.

He has a program which he feels will benefit the great A.M.E. Church. He craves your support in 1952.

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Special Notice

Executive board members of the Fifth District lay organization will be asked to meet at the seat of the General Conference in Chicago. Time and place to be announced.

George Jone, president,
Fifth District Lay
Organization

The Truth Will Make You Free

By Camilla Leftridge
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dr. J. S. Goolsby voiced the sentiments of lay delegates of the Southern California Conference concerning the retaining of the Western Christian Recorder and I firmly agree.

Thirty-two years ago upon my arrival in California I found the late Dr. J. H. Wilson, builder and councilor for the church, using this paper as a means of building the A.M.E. church in California. Dr. Fred Hughes, now editor, worked hard and gave us a great church in Fresno. I served as an agent for both editors and know of its worth and merit. Dr. Hughes is worthy and has earned his place as a bishop in our church. Now the church must move forward with another editor, Dr. Jessie L. Glover.

The coast deserves something from the connection. The church is moving westward and the population is rapidly increasing.



BISHOP WILLIAMS

Bishop Noah W. Williams presiding prelate of the Fifth District until 1948 has because of his great interest continued active participation in the connection and affairs of the church.

Bishop and Mrs. Williams are remembered best for their work in Kansas City, Kansas as founders of Bishop Williams School of Religion and giving to the A.M.E. church Douglass Hospital, which is now the pride of the connection.

I support the Rev. S. F. Boston's proposal to elect Dr. F. H. Gow of South Africa for bishop.



WARD'S YOUTH PROGRAM PRODUCES—Pictured left to right: Dr. Frederick D. Jordan, Alexander Davis, Harley Louise Berry, Clezell Colen, Vivian Hale, Billie Jean Jackson, Herman Simmons. Inset, Filmore Hiller.

"The Church that neglects its children and young people does not deserve to be supported," said Dr. Frederick D. Jordan, energetic pastor of Ward African Methodist Episcopal Church, in the heart of Los Angeles' growing westside choice residential community. "When the Church moved to this location a little more than a year ago," continued Dr. Jordan, "it was uprooted from most of its young people who lived on the eastside of town. Our first few weeks the Church School had less than 30 pupils in all of its departments, today we have a total attendance of more than 200 weekly, in four departmental assemblies, a splendid staff of trained teachers led by our capable superintendent, Mrs. A. E. Calomee, teacher in the Los Angeles Public Schools."

The appreciation of the young people whom the Church is seeking to serve, was evidenced recently in the unusually successful program culminating in Youth Day. A total of more than 100 young people participated in the various activities of the day, including prayer and scripture readings in the morning and evening services, music throughout the day, and a debate on "Universal Military Training." The financial effort culminated in the closing of "Mr. and Miss Ward of 1952" contest. Alexander Davis and Harley Louise Berry reported \$202.26; Herman Simmons and

Billie Jean Jackson, \$251.48; Filmore Hiller and Vivian Hale, \$427.00. This prize-winning report was made possible because of the earnest support of Filmore's mother, Mrs. Amazon Clayborn Lee, and other members of the family. A gold loving cup, properly inscribed, was presented to each of the contestants. Other receipts by the young people during the day brought the total to \$1,063.67. This amount is being earmarked by the Church administration for the purchase of a new modern streamlined bus to further strengthen the youth program of the Church. The youth activities of the Church include a basketball team, which this year successfully defeated all of the teams in its class in the Los Angeles Church Federation Interracial League; an active Christian Endeavor League; four units of the Young People's Department of the Missionary Society with a total membership of 62; 30 voice Youth Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Pauline Whitaker Battle; a Mother's Club; a Nursery with four attendants, under the direction of Mrs. Pinkie Wilson. Mrs. Anthony M. Hart, formerly of Bethel Church, San Francisco, is the co-ordinator of Youth Activities. This well organized Youth Program being developed by Dr. Frederick Jordan in one of the finest Church plants in the city guarantees that Ward A.M.E. Church will make a genuine contribution to the religious life of Los Angeles.