

AMONG THE Churches

ST. PHILLIPS NEW COAT OF PAINT

The Episcopal Church of St. Philip, the Deacon, has a complete coat of new paint. Material for the same was furnished by Eugene M. Bell, the oldest member of the church, and the work done by Messrs Eugene Bell and Ellsworth Pryor, was all donated to the church by the two men. The exterior will be painted by these two men this week, thus, completing the painting inside and out.

ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday services at our church was one that is to be long remembered. Being the first Sunday we have had testifying, meeting and night service, was completed by the taking of the bread and wine of our Lord. Morning service, we were favored with one conversion. Our financial drive is still going on, throughout this week and we are having a wonderful time.

Fourth of July was a grand celebration. The men folk of the church spent the entire day shoveling and hauling the dirt and leveling off the hill for a play ground. The women did their share by serving all kinds of delicious food. At the close of the day, everyone was tired but happy.

Mrs. Harold King, Reporter

District Convention, Mt. Christ Temple, 26th and Burdett street, O. J. Burekhardt President of The Omaha District.

The annual district convention of The Church of Christ "holiness" Convened at Christ Temple June 24th. A splendid opening program was arranged by the present pastor, Elder S. J. McIntyre, who succeeded Bro. Burekhardt Jan 1st. The program was of high class consisting of songs by the choir and solo, by members of the church choir. Short addresses were made by the pastor, also by Elder D. J. Washington, our pastor at Kansas City, Kans. The chief address was made by the president, who reviewed the year work, and discussed at length the general church conditions of the country, and especially that of our race groups.

Tuesday afternoon the convention opened up for regular business. Sister Bertha Mallory our secretary, read the minutes of our last years reports. The president proceeded to make up the programme for the conventional work of the week. In this procedure the president had the hearty cooperation of Elder McIntyre, and Elder D. J. Washington. The work accomplished by the church at K. C. under Elder Washington, and the accomplishments made here at Christ Temple by Elder S. J. McIntyre during the past six months, gave inspiration to the convention.

The committees were as follows: Finance committee, Elder Walter Irving, chairman; Bro. John Anderson and Sister Mattie Middleton, coworkers. The enrollment committee, Sister Willie Vann and Sister Minnie Forest. Committee on time and place, Elder F. H. Hunley, chairman; Sister Amelia Anderson and Sister Ollie Love. During the conventional week Sister McIntyre proved to be useful to the convention. The convention, as a whole, was beyond our own expectation.

Elder D. J. Washington was the Evangelist for the week and his messages were real spiritual wine, which seems to grow with age. There is only one Bishop Washington, and I think you, who heard his brother, Dan, will readily agree with me that there is only one Dan Washington. His sermons were plain, logical and spiritual, and some soul will be richer in the judgment because of the weeks service. In conclusion as president, I want to thank the good people of Omaha who helped us by their prayers and attendance to make the convention a success.

O. J. Burekhardt, 1236 Washington St., Lincoln. President of District.

OMAHA ALL NATIONS PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

2302 Grace Streets
Elder J. E. Greenfield, Pastor
Sunday, July 21, at the evening services, a rich spiritual treat awaits you.

Two Chicago young Saints, Sisters Ardella Smith and Carrie Matthews will be in charge. They are both musicians. Sister Smith is director of the Young People's Choir, and the noted Raïdo Choir of the Langley Ave. church. A blessing is in store for you.

The Willing Workers club of the Metropolitan Spiritual Church of Christ, met at the home of the president, Mrs. Gertrude Mayberry, on Wednesday evening, July 10, with the president presiding.

There were 10 members present. Rev. R. W. Johnson made a brief talk on what a wonderful progress the club had made. The club is only 7 months old and will make its partial report on the money that has been raised in the club and through the club in their next meeting.

Many beautiful thoughts were brought before the club by the president, after the business meeting was over. Mrs. Mattie Thomas and Mrs. Mary Parks were the hostesses.

A delicious repast was served by the hostesses.

At our next meeting, Mrs. G. Mayberry and Mrs. W. Varner will be hostesses. You are welcome to lunch with the Willing Workers. Price per lunch, for visitors, 15 cents.

Mrs. Gertrude Mayberry, Pres. Mrs. Will Varner, Reporter.

ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

On July 14th, Zion was filled with members and friends. Services began immediately after Sunday School.

The Senior Choir is singing this month.

On Monday evening the Deacons, Deaconess and special workers of the on-coming rally enjoyed the appetizing dinner sponsored by Deacon Jenkins, who was ordained with several other deacons on Sunday, July 14.

MORNING STAR CHURCH

Sunday school opened on time. At 11 o'clock the pastor was in charge of the pulpit.

At 3 o'clock the choir sponsored an age rally. At 6 o'clock the junior B. Y. P. U. was closed with an oratorical program with Oscar Washington as the main speaker. Mr. W. M. Cooper, City B. Y. P. U. president gave echoes from the Congress. Rev. Mayfield, a national B. Y. P. U. was present.

Mrs. G. W. Stromile, Reporter Rev. F. B. Banks, Pastor

ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday climaxed the great financial drive that has been going on for the last two weeks. Among the churches that participated were: Zion Church, Mt. Nebo, Pleasant Green, Church of God, Calvary Baptist, St. John A. M. E. and Morning Star.

Morning Star was the Star church of the drive. We raised \$103.50. The closing sermon was preached by Rev. C. W. Conway, pastor of Clair chapel A. M. E. church. Rev. Conway crowned our pastor and Sister Porter Johnson as captains of the drive.

Mrs. Harold King, Reporter

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Nationally Known Organizations Unite

Cincinnati, Ohio, July 17, (CNA)—Three nationally known organizations, the International Labor Defense, National Association for Advancement of Colored People and the American Civil Liberties Union, joined hands to save the life of John Montjoy, worker sentenced to death for alleged rape in Covington, Kentucky.

The case will be carried to the Court of Appeals, the highest judicial body in the state.

"Our Cincinnati branch," said the American Civil Liberties Union, "has investigated the case and reports that Montjoy's trial was viciously unfair. The evidence against him was a confession obtained, it is said, after six days and nights of beating, and the testimony of the white woman who made the charge and with whom Montjoy is said to have had relations for some time. No Negroes served on the jury. No physical examination was made of the woman. The judge's charge to the jury was prejudiced."

"The case has all the earmarks of a frameup. We join with the International Labor Defense and the National Association for Advancement of Colored People in supporting the defense."

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WEEKLY SHORT SERMON

By Dr. A. G. Bearer
(For the Literary Service Bureau)

Theophilus—"A Friend of God" (For the Literary Service Bureau)
Text: It seemed good to me also—to write to thee in order, most excellent Theophilus—Luke 1:3.

Little is known of this man Theophilus. However he must have been an important and honored personage, as Luke addressed to him the Book of the Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel of St. Luke. But the name itself is significant, meaning "The friend of God." In this Theophilus is a pattern for all men; for every man should be a friend of God.

DEPENDENCE AND NECESSITY: Man is a dependent creature. He cannot supply his own needs. He must of necessity help "from above." So, this very tale of dependence would make it indispensable that he be a friend of God and in return have Divine friendship.

RECIPROCAL AND DEVOLVING OBLIGATIONS. Christians sing: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," and right they are, for all blessings do flow from God. Then, since God demonstrates His friendship toward us, in sending these blessings, His friendship should beget reciprocal friendship and bind us to Him, as His friend.

FUTURE BENEFITS CONSIDERED. All of the present and future blessings are available to and for and bestowed upon the friends of God. These include blessings in both time and eternity. So, in order to have these blessings upon which present and future happiness will ever depend, it is necessary that each individual fall be "a friend of God." Then, let each be a Theophilus, in this way, whatever may be our names.

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Proverbs and Parables

By A. B. Mana
(For the Literary Service Bureau)

To Shakespeare is credited the assertion that "Life is a stage and men are the actors." This was so understood by the dying king whose closing words were, "If I have acted my part well, let me leave the stage with your applause." This must have been the thought in the mind of Alexander Pope when he wrote "Honor and shame from no condition rise; Act well thy part. There all the honor lies."

Let it be remembered that the success of any play will depend on harmony, cooperation, coordination and faithfulness of actors: So, human progress depends on such among the actors in life's tremendous drama. Let it not be forgotten too, that each actor is first responsible for his own part; that failure of one actor and one part will mar the entire play, and that, at the time of the "Great Assizes," each one will be judged by his faithfulness in acting his own part.

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Terrorize Witnesses Of Framed Worker

Brooklyn, N. Y., July 17, (CNA)—Warren Street (Negro section) is being terrorized by the police. Witnesses, who formerly were willing to testify as to the police murder of Aubrey Knight, are now afraid to speak.

On April 16 a delegation of Negro and white visited the office of Mayor Fiorello La Guardia to demand the arrest and prosecution of the guilty policemen. An open hearing date was set but no efforts were made by the city administration to hold it.

The police, in order to prevent the possibility of an open hearing have been intimidating witnesses. The Brooklyn Council of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights is taking steps to halt the police terrorization and re-secure the witnesses.

CRUSADER NEWS

Necessity dictates an opposite course of action. The times require stubborn and militant struggle against looking forward to the establishment of a complete equality. As one whose husband has repeatedly demonstrated that he is out against that ideal I would not expect Mrs. Roosevelt to be committed to it. After all she's just a politician out cadging votes and the sooner Negroes look beneath her mask the better.

30 Boys Sign Up At Training Camp

Fort Riley C. M. T. C.

Comprising the only camp in the entire Seventh Corps Area for colored students, the Citizens Military Training Camp at Fort Riley opened Wednesday, July 10th, with over 130 boys from Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, and Iowa, reporting at 1:00 p. m.

Held each summer under the auspices of the War Department, the various courses of instruction at the camps have among their objectives the physical, morale and mental development of the American youth, the stimulation of interest in military training as a benefit to the individual and as a vital asset in the problems of National Defense, and to teach Americanism in its true sense, including the privileges, duties, and responsibilities of American Citizenship.

In camp the students will sleep in tents—Army fashion—roll out at the break of dawn for military calisthenics, and will mess at the well known 9th Cavalry Mess one of the most famous messes in the Army. The program of instruction, which has been approved by General H. J. Brees, Corps Area Commander, provides for a morning devoted to drill, target practice, classes in Hygiene, First Aid and Citizenship, to be followed by an afternoon of supervised athletics, including swimming in the beautiful 9th Cavalry pool, boxing, baseball, volley ball, tennis and track events. Various forms of recreation have been planned for the evenings and for holidays.

With the processing of candidates having taken place on the opening day of camp, the formal opening exercises for the camp were planned to take place the following day, July 11th, at 10:30 a. m., in the Camp Area, which is located just west of 9th Cavalry Headquarters, with the following program:

March...Ninth Cavalry Band Invocation...Chaplain Browne, Off-Res. Admin. of Oath...Lieut. Curtis Address...Colonel Martin Benediction...Chaplain Browne, Off-Res.

March...Ninth Cavalry Band The camp Staff is composed of the following officers: Executive—2nd Lieut. R. W. Porter, Jr., Cavalry. Adjutant—2nd Lieut. James C. Curtis, Jr., Cavalry. Supply Officer—2nd Lieut. Franklin F. Wing, Jr., Cavalry.

Company Commanders—2nd Lieut. Hamilton H. Howze, Cavalry, 2nd Lieut. Glenn F. Rogers, Cavalry. Surgeon—1st Lieut. Paul H. Jenkins, Medical Corps. Chaplains—1st Lieut. Albert Lilburn Browne, Ch-Res. 1st Lieut. Ison Kelly Hicks, Ch-Res.

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OPEN CAMPAIGN AGAINST HUNGER

New York, July 17, (CNA)—Death—or relief! A flood of leaflets, under that heading, were being distributed last week by the Harlem Unemployed Council as the spearhead of its newest campaign for a 25 per cent increase in relief and no discrimination against Negroes.

The signal for the renewed effort was the collapse and death of William V. P. Wescomb, 27, in front of the Emergency Relief Bureau.

Starvation. At the time of his death, Wescomb had received no allowance for three weeks. His last food check came on May 24. He was "suspended" on May 29, for failing to meet the residence required under the Wicks law.

According to the medical examiner's report, the young man died of "coronary thrombosis and embolism."

The Unemployed Council, however, called it starvation. According to Wescomb's father, William Wescomb, Sr., a watchman at 17 W. 135th street his son was born at the Sloane Hospital for Women in 1907 and had lived in the city continuously except for a brief period five years ago.

Demands. The circulars of the Unemployed Council cite, also, the death of Mary Bryant in Harlem Hospital recently. Although she had lived at one address for six years, she was refused relief for many weeks because of "lack of residence proof."

It cites, too, the case of a woman who attempted suicide at the Relief Bureau in desperation over her inability to obtain relief.

The demands of the council are: (1) 25 per cent increase in relief, (2) committees elected by the unemployed to take part in relief control, and (3) no discrimination against Negroes.

The address of the council is 109 W. 133rd street.

SOUTH OMAHA NEWS

Merry Six Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Wm. Shafrath, 2315 Madison, Thursday, July 18, at 12 P. M., after the two hours of meeting, a seasonable repast will be served by the hostesses.

Mrs. James Lewis, President Mrs. Wm. Shafrath, Secretary

WILLIAM—THOMAS NUPTIAL

Miss Vivian Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Williams, 2218 N. 21, was given in marriage to Mr. Willie Thomas, 6118 S. 26th Street, Monday, July 1. Miss Williams is a member of the young popular set of the proud St. John's Church. They will reside at 6118 S. 26th Street.

A SPECIAL PROGRAM

A special program is to be given at Bethel Church at 29th and T Streets, the second Sunday in August, at 7 o'clock, for the B. Y. P. U. It is to be sponsored by Mrs. King.

Mr. J. Henderson, President

Mrs. Natalie Shoals, 2304 Madison, who has been confined to her bed for several days is much improved and able to be up.

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Churches Make Protest Against War On Ethiopia

New York, July 17, (ANP)—Selection of August 18 as a Sunday of Prayer and Protest by the clergy of all faiths in the United States against the declared intention of Italy to subjugate Ethiopia, the little nation in Africa governed by Emperor Haile Selassie, has been announced by the Committee for Ethiopia with offices at 228 E. 45th street, this city. Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal church, Congregational and Christian churches, Baptist church, Disciples of Christ, Evangelical church, Friends, Presbyterian church, Methodist Episcopal church, Moravian church, Reformed Church in America, United Brethren, Jewish Reformed Synagogue, Russian Orthodox church, Greek Orthodox church have signified their intention of acting in behalf of the oldest Christian nation in the world, according to the Committee.

"A cry for help has come ringing across the waters," declared the statement of the Committee, from the oldest Christian nation in the world, Ethiopia. The hand of the despoiler is at her throat. She looks to the United States, peopled with lovers of Peace. Believers in Justice, as the only genuine disinterested friend she has on all the earth.

"There is time to halt the ravishing of this little nation, that has asked only to be let alone to work out its own destiny ever since St. Mark entered Ethiopia thirty years after the Crucifixion and founded the Abyssinian Coptic church, oldest of Christian denominations.

"The 18th of August was selected as Protest and Prayer Sunday because the Conciliation Commission now sitting in consideration of the pleas of Ethiopia to the League of Nations, of which Ethiopia is a member, must report to the League the week beginning August 25.

Organized to support Ethiopia's appeals to the League of Nations under Article 10 of the Covenant guaranteeing territorial integrity and Article 15 providing for arbitration of international disputes, the Committee for Ethiopia also will circulate petitions among American citizens asking the United States Government to tender offers to mediate and to act to prevent war between Italy and Ethiopia under the Kellogg-Brand Peace Pact, according to Robert Harris, secretary for the Committee.

"Distribution of petitions asking the United States Government to act under the Kellogg-Brand Peace Pact will begin immediately," said Mr. Harris. "Italy signed the Pact along with the United States, France, Great Britain and other nations. The Committee fully expects to secure several million signatures to these petitions, surely if there are more than 10,000,000 citizens of Great Britain who believe in Peace, out of the 125,000,000 persons in the United States we should at least equal the recent British poll.

"The Committee expects the full support of all American lovers of Peace in its efforts toward uniting public opinion against any attacks upon the Ethiopian nation."

Leads Legion Parade

St. Paul, Minn., July 17, (ANP)—The Leslie Lawrence Post of the American Legion retained the lead in the American Division of the American Legion Junior League Saturday, when its baseball team defeated the North St. Paul Post 3-1. Washington, pitcher, let his foes down with two hits. He made three hits for his team. Leslie Lawrence Post has won seven games and lost one.

What About Mattie? What About Mattie's Brother?

Memphis, Tenn., July 17, (ANP)—In respect to the large number of persons, white and black, throughout the country, who are taking advantage of the relief offered by the states and the federal government to escape legitimate opportunities to work. The Commercial Appeal of this city posed a question last week.

The editor of the newspaper chose for his illustration of the point the story of a colored girl, done to suit his taste, and set up the implication that the relief agencies are spoiling good servants.

The Commercial-Appeal has been notorious for the viciousness it has shown in respect to the sharecropper problem in the south. Its policies have been obviously dictated by the planter class and it has passed up no opportunity to impede and destroy the organization of the sharecroppers. Though it has no heart for these American slaves, white and black, The Commercial-Appeal shows much concern about the problem of what it calls families of "substantial Tennessee citizenship," presumably white. It, therefore, makes the following editorial query, entitled "What About Mattie?":

"Back in 1928 a family fairly representative of substantial Tennessee citizenship employed a 17-year-old colored girl as a domestic servant. She was untrained but willing and agreeable and in due course of time became what is colloquially known as 'good help.' She made up in loyalty and honesty what she may have lacked technically. She was paid in money the prevailing wage for that sort of service and in addition was rewarded in ways typical of such situations.

"Things went along on the foregoing basis until the early part of 1935, at which time Mattie became obviously indifferent about whether she gave any degree of satisfaction whatever. Eventually she was dismissed and went her way nochalantly. In a few days, however, the family began to wonder about Mattie and the man of the house went down to see her. She was found on the front porch, rocking and fanning. Inquiries revealed the fact that she was on relief and not to be put up to the vulgar necessity of work as long as Mr. Roosevelt was president. She also bestowed the information that she was not only eating but also eating better than she had been during the years preceding, during which period, of course, she had had the same meals as her employers.

"What about Mattie, anyway? Her case presents in little a very se-

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rious and an increasingly grave problem for those of us who are at work and paying taxes. It is presumably unreasonable to expect Mattie, or any one of the millions like her, to work as long as she can live without it. There are plenty of folks who will take just as long as any one will give and without lifting their hands or bothering their minds about finding work to support themselves. It is a mistake to think otherwise, and yet there are undoubtedly others who have been unable to find work. It is admittedly difficult to draw the line, and still it must be drawn if this country is to avoid the permanent pauperization, and the unnecessary pauperization, of large blocs of population.

"If Mr. Roosevelt and his aides want to perform a genuine service to this country, they can do it by establishing a sharp distinction between the ability to find work and the chance to choose it. A bad disease frequently requires bitter medicine."

But The Commercial-Appeal is still stone deaf to the plea of Mattie's brother, the sharecropper, strangled and starved under a barbarous land tenant system in the south without shelter and without food. Though there be millions in the same tragic position of Mattie's brother, The Commercial-Appeal, eyes closed without any shame, remains silent on the plight of the exploited share-croppers.

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