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HARDEN STREET-COLUMBIA

All of Harden street, Columbia, S. C., has been designated as a business zone except the blocks near and on the side of the Columbia hospital. The time is not long, as we see things, before the blocks on Harden street from Richland to Five Points, except those, aforesaid, will be crowded with grocery stores, drug stores, liquor stores, dry goods and haberdashers, hot dog stands, moving picture houses, and grills. It's coming to that.

White people of business foresight and a little capital are beginning to develop this new business section of Columbia.

Negro people are not concerned. No effort is being made to own more business houses on this newly created business zone in the shadow of Allen university and Benedict college with a stable population in the Allen-Benedict Terrace as ready buyers of shoes, clothing, green groceries, staple goods, etc.

Ten years hence, when Harden street has been developed by the white man's brain and capital "race-loving" Negroes will be preaching hatred against a race who had business sense and foresight to seize opportunities to develop business at the proper time. The man who "out thinks" the other fellow is the man who controls commerce, utilities and all main channels of commercial enterprise.

On the other hand—human lethargy lurking in the minds of Negro people is a deadly enemy to Negro progress. It is more of a hindrance than the combined forces of what appears to be prejudice and racial discrimination.

THE STUDENTS ARE RETURNING

The colleges, and public schools throughout the country have thrown wide their doors for the return of the student population that attend college and public schools.

Thousands of janitors and building superintendents have been busy with large working forces, and school administrators have been working over time reconditioning school plants, improving school grounds and placing faculty personnel in order that the school machinery may be in work-

MAYBE SO AND MAYBE NOT (By W. H. Shackelford)

ECHOES—ALL Life, as we best know it, is a giving and getting process. We are forever getting back in kind what we once gave out. Grandpa, leaning on his cane, hears the echoes of his childhood days—his honest-to-goodness efforts, or his mean and mischievous pranks. Grandma, in her old rocker, hears ever and often echoes of the maidenhood era—her coquettish flirtations, and her sincere efforts to tread the straight and narrow.

Down the ages still come echoes from Eden, reminders—"Of Man's first disobedience, and of the fruit Of that forbidden tree, whose mortal taste Brought death upon the world, and all our woes." Echoes—All. From battlefields of carnage and banquet halls of vice; from cabin and cathedral; from prison and palace from enduring pyramids and time-worn mausoleums; from the depths of oceans, and crests of mountains—over all the vast ex-

THE HERITAGE OF HISTORY By Dr. Charles Stelzle

Historians are familiar with what happened thousands of years ago. They know that even at that time there was almost a complete framework for all our present-day experiments in politics, economics, literature, drama and government.

But the average man of today has an idea that the ancient were simply "a bunch of heathens," ignorant and depraved, unmindful of the fact that however limited they may have been in some respects, without the use and enjoyments of the telephone, the radio, the motion picture, the automobile and the airplane, they were really very similar to ourselves.

"History repeats itself" only in the application of the results of certain fundamental principles of human behavior. It does not mean that the world is going on like the endless swinging of a pendulum, getting nowhere in particular. The whole character and life of a people as a whole have gone steadily upward, whatever may have been the outward form of culture and manner of living. What is of greatest interest and value today is not so much the actions of particular individuals in history, as it is the movements and trends of the people as a whole, as humanity kept marching on.

Just what historians 5,000 years hence will think of our present civilization, no man can tell, would probably be a confusing picture if they should deal exclusively with what many of us regard as the most important events of the day. Some of our leaders in journalism, politics and industry are saying that the second world war will be "the end of civilization." There have been many such "ends," but the world has gone on, because beneath these "catastrophes" there has been a basis for progress which could not be halted.

On the whole, Democracy has steadily made progress—in religion, in education, in industry, in politics, in class distinctions, in the democracy of the sexes. These were all part of the same movement. History has simply been repeating itself. In every case the people have won, although the progress of Democracy may be judged by a long-time view—not by what happened yesterday or today. It may well be that some future civilization may learn from our follies and our mistakes—and our successes, too.

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pause of creation, the history of man's struggles—triumphs and defeats—vibrantly ring. Winds hurrying through attics, around house corners, and through trees are but the unleashed echoes of the age-old sighs of humanity. The terrific tornado is a counterpart of the gathered groans of all the centuries. Turbulent waves bear resemblance to the storms of anguish in human souls. The peaceful beams of gleaming stars are relays of the peace which passes human ken. The odor of the flowers suggest the ever-recurring fragrance of sweet and noble lives of bygone days.

Can you, perforce, stop your ears lest you hear Life's returns? Nay, for Life's most valuable and eternal realities are not picked up through physical senses. Only the sounding board of the soul picks up and amplifies all the broadests of the yester-years. Echoes—All. (Rights Reserved)

TUBERCULOSIS ESSAY WINNER ANNOUNCED

Winners in the 1941 tuberculosis essay contest conducted last spring among Negro students in colleges and high schools in this state were given to the press this week by Mrs. Andrew W. Simkins, director of the Negro program of the South Carolina Tuberculosis Association. Winners among college students were: Carrie G. Pinckney, Voorhees Institute, \$25.00; Mertz Meacham, State College, \$15.00; Mattie Belle Nobles, Bettis Academy, \$10.00; Eugenia Babb, Friendship College, and Everette Crumilla Roberts, State College, honorable mention prizes of \$5.00 each.

The following received award among high school pupils: William Lyles, Fairfield County Training School, \$15.00; Frances Marie Bond, Allendale County Training School, \$10.00; Kenneth Mae D. Veaux, Avery Institute, \$7.00; Mattie Milledge, Robert Smalls high school, \$5.00. Five honorable mention prizes of two dollars each were awarded to Thelma Fortune, Wilson high school; Albertha Johnson, Allendale County Training School; Thelma Stent, Immaculate Conception high school; Ellen McClester, Mather Academy, Camden; and Wilhelmina Myers, Robert Smalls high school.

ST. JAMES A. M. E. CHURCH

Rev. W. M. McDonald, Pastor We are pleased to say that our church work is still improving and last Sunday we were graced with new St. James.

The interior of our church is now finished. Rev. I. O. Simmons, the contractor, deserves much credit in the way he put the job over.

Sunday School was good as usual. After the class study of the lesson the school was beautifully reviewed by the pastor. The Bible class is holding the banner. Rev. R. B. Golden, teacher.

Sunday morning after preliminaries, the pastor preached a touching sermon from Proverbs 2:3. Theme, "Education."

Sunday at 5 p. m. the members of the Missionary Society met with the president, Mrs. Mary Phelps, presiding. The meeting was good and the attendance was good. Mrs. Phelps is a wide awake president.

Sunday night the pastor preached from St. Matt. 13:3. Subject, "Sowing." This was also a wonderful sermon, and enjoyed by all present.

On last Monday night Stewardess Board No. 1 sponsored a "Guest" entertainment at the home of Mrs. Addie Kinard on Tobacco St., which was very successful. The president, Mrs. H. M. Young, being indisposed, the vice-president, Mrs. Lola Checks, presided. Among those present were: Revs. Miss K. L. Fausett, W. R. Bowman and L. G. Bowman. All expressed themselves as having enjoyed the evening. Our pastor is always present to assist in the program. Several visitors were present Sunday. Come again, visitors are always welcome.

DUE WEST NEWS

Mt. Lebanon A. M. E. Church Last Sunday was a day which brought a fine opportunity for the members of the above named church to render fruitful and effective service. It was the occasion of the last quarterly conference for the year which was ably conducted by the Rev. C. G. Glover, presiding elder of the Greenville district and who is also the father of the Rev. Benjamin J. Glover, pastor of the church. Sunday school and League services were ably conducted by the superintendents of these departments, namely Mr. W. L. Lee and Miss Jessie Hawthorne.

At the hour for morning worship the presiding elder preached such a powerful sermon that the hearts of those who heard were stirred. At the evening hour of worship, the message was brought with equal power and stress by Dr. J. D. Cowan, of Asheville, N. C. presiding for twenty years in the A. M. E. church in North Carolina. Dr. Cowan is a native of Due West and is here visiting his sister, Mesdames Addie and Sunie Ellis. Rev. W. S. Hawthorne was also present and made remarks.

The conference was a glowing success as was shown by the many fine reports made by the various boards and auxiliaries in the treasury of which \$78.05 is carried forward into the next quarter. The presiding elder was paid in full and the church has a clean sheet for the year for presiding elder's salary. Rev. B. J. Glover is still leading on successfully at Mt. Lebanon and the church is united in its hope that he may remain here for many more years. At the close of the evening service, he accompanied his father to his home at Greenwood, S. C.

Mrs. Cleo McQueen and children of Cheraw, S. C., are spending several weeks with their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Sunie Ellis.

Mr. Vernon Cowan and wife and Mr. Stewart of Asheville, N. C. were the week-end guests of Mesdames Sunie and Addie Ellis on last week.

Mrs. J. D. Cowan and Miss Gladys Cowan, wife and daughter of Dr. Cowan were visitors in Due West on last Sunday. Returning home in the afternoon of the same day.

Mrs. Virginia Hargrove of Washington, D. C., is spending a pleasant vacation at the home of her mother, Mrs. Carrie Barmore.

Miss Jennie Holmes of the Greenville schools spent last week end at home.

Mrs. Belle Cowan entertained at a party for the little children of Mrs. Cleo McQueen on last Wednesday afternoon. Many games were played directed by Mrs. McQueen and a delightful menu was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Garret of Columbia, S. C., are spending several days with Mrs. Garret's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Anderson.

Mrs. Sallie Harkness and little son James returned on last Saturday from a four weeks visit with relatives in New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ellis had as their dinner guests recently Mesdames Addie Sims, Ellis and Mr. Leo McQueen.

BERKELEY TRAINING SCHOOL NEWS

Berkeley Training school held its registration for the school term of 1941-42, Friday, September 5th. From the number enrolled the prospects are that there will be a record enrollment for the school year.

Most of the faculty members studied this past summer in order that they may do better work. Each member has pledged his best in all ways possible.

Miss M. Brown of Charleston, S. C., is filling the position left vacant by Mrs. C. W. Goardine. We wish for her a successful term.

The following assignments were made: 1st grade, Miss A. Cole and I. Miller; 2nd grade, Miss M. Brown; 3rd grade, Mrs. E. M. Session; 4th grade, Miss V. Jennings; 5th grade, Mrs. F. Gadsden; 6th, Miss V. L. Johnson; English department, Miss M. Cooper; science and mathematics, Mr. J. McIver; home economics department, Miss R. Baker; social science, A. M. Wilds. Professor Ready, principal. A. M. Wilds

WOMAN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY CONFERENCE IN ANNUAL SESSION

The thirtieth annual session of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Conference Branch of the Piedmont Conference met in Weston Chapel A. M. E. church, Greenwood, S. C., August 28-29, 1941. The executive committee met at 10:15 a. m. with the president, Miss Hattie Perrin, presiding. Congregational praise service was conducted by the district presidents, namely: Mrs. R. G. Massey of the Abbeville district; Mrs. O. E. Johnson of the Greenville district; Mrs. R. Alexander of the Greenwood district.

The annual sermon was preached by presiding elder P. M. Gary of the Greenwood district. His text was taken from St. Luke 9:23. His subject was "Self Denial."

Thursday afternoon's session was opened with missionary musical numbers, conducted by delegates from Pendleton, Greenville and Anderson. The president appointed all committees. Enrollment and financial proceedings were then taken care of. Prof. J. T. W. Mims and Mrs. J. S. Wright took part in a very effective symposium, subject, "The Church, Her Strength, Her Beauty, and Work." Rev. M. G. Williams spoke on the subject, "Our Missionary Vision" without a vision there can be no progress.

At 8:55 p. m. three beautiful selections were rendered by the junior choir of Weston Chapel A. M. E. church. The Missionary sermon was preached by Rev. D. J. Gadsden of Anderson, S. C. His text was taken from 2nd Cor. 5:20. His subject was "Ambassadors for Christ." Miss Hattie Perrin was then presented by the first vice-president, Mrs. S. J. Burgess, to deliver her annual address. This timely message was received and given to the proper committee.

Mrs. Fossie Perrin conducted a very unique welcome program. Mrs. Ella J. Wharton responded in behalf of the Missionaries, and Rev. F. H. Dreher responded in behalf of the ministers.

Friday morning devotionals were conducted by presiding elders Gary, Mims and Glover. The 2nd vice President, Mrs. A. R. Holmes, presiding, called for the minutes of the previous day, and reports of the various committees. Handicraft work and placard demonstrations were made by the following: Mesdames P. M. Gary, B. H. Gray, and S. H. Coaxum, and Misses Eula Massey and Ethel Thomas.

The juvenile program presented by Mrs. A. M. Perrin showed remarkable ability of the large number of youths present. Presiding elder Glover commended the president and co-workers, stating that the program of the whole convention was above the average.

One of the highlights of the convention was a committee headed by Rev. Walker to take charge of purchasing a home for our aged ministers and members of the Piedmont Conference who have given years of service in the church and need assistance.

Rev. E. F. Johnson then favored us with a beautiful solo, "The Holy City." We cannot find words to express the fine manner in which we were entertained by Rev. M. G. Williams and members, and friends of Weston Chapel while in Greenwood. The election of officers resulted in the re-electing of all officers except supervisor of the Y. P. D. to which Mrs. Cora Reid of Pendleton, S. C., was elected.

Thus another great meeting of the Piedmont Conference Branch Missionary Society went down in history as the members of the convention sang "God be with you till we meet again."

S. H. Coaxum, reporter.

DEFENSE BOND QUIZ

Q. What and when is Retailers-for-Defense Week?

A. Retailers-for-Defense Week—September 15 to 20—during which the retail industry will concentrate its efforts to enlist customer interest in buying Defense Savings Stamps at retail outlets throughout the country.

Q. What kind of retail stores are selling Defense Savings Stamps?

A. Department stores, grocery stores, variety stores, hardware stores, drug stores—every sort of retail outlet—carries stamps.

NOTE—To buy Defense Bonds and Stamps, go to the nearest post office, bank, or savings and loan association; or write to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C.

EMMANUEL A. M. E. CHURCH

Rev. R. E. Brogdon, Pastor Last Sunday was a day long to be remembered in the annals of Emmanuel. This first Sunday in September dawned beautifully. In spite of the warm weather, the attendance at both services was indeed good.

Selecting his text from the third chapter of John, 14 and 15 verses, the pastor spoke from the theme, "Lifting up Christ." Three points were considered—first, how can we lift up Christ, second, the effect upon the world, and third, the reward we receive for having lifted him up. The main thought conveyed was, that we should testify for Christ at all times and at all places, and that we should live as Christians should and by so doing we shall be lifting him up to the world. A very happy time was experienced by many.

Sunday School was well attended. The superintendent being absent on account of a funeral, the school was conducted by a substitute. A beautiful lesson was widely discussed, "A Message to Persecuted Churches," Rev. 2:1-11. The lesson was intelligently reviewed by Mr. J. H. Middleton, a member of Excelsior class.

"Some Moral Hindrances of the Soul," was the theme of the evening's message, Matt. 16:23. In part the pastor said one of the greatest hindrances and one that is very common is that people are too busy with the things of the world to give very much time to the church. There were other reasons advanced. This message was very stirring.

Mrs. Lillie Smith Funeral rites for the deceased were held on Sunday afternoon. Dr. Brogdon delivered the eulogy and paid tribute to the deceased. Mrs. Smith was a faithful member of the congregation of Emmanuel. During recent years, her health began to fail, and on the 5th, she instantly passed out of this world at her home, 122 Congress St. Her widower, brother G. B. Smith, is one of our leaders and a member of the Senior Steward Board. Surviving are daughter, grand children, and other relatives, aside from a large number of friends.

On the evening of August 26, the leaders, under the direction of brother A. H. Harrison, made a splendid demonstration in the "Womanless Wedding." All the "Maids" were beautifully-attired. Each one impersonated a member of the congregation as they marched down the specially made promenade. The last to march was the "bride." She was gorgeously garbed and wearing an expression of complete satisfaction having found the "right one," came leaning on the arm of the bridegroom. This entertainment was largely attended. Every available seat was occupied. Much credit should be given to the sponsor, brother Harrison, and the leaders. This entertainment will be repeated September 26, 9 p. m., admission 10 cents.

F. I. A. S. H. Come out on the evenings of September 18-19. Our new organ will be dedicated. This is one of the latest models with chimes.

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Mrs. Saludia Young, reporter

GREENVILLE NEWS

The writer of this article paid a special visit to the live stock and farm show which was held at the C. and W. C. R. R. depot in the beautiful C. and W. C. coaches.

Many citizens and children of the Greenville county section and schools were present. A display of special care in tree planting was on exhibit. This exhibit was put on by the South Carolina State Forest Service, South Carolina Extension Service, cooperating groups urging the people to "grow timber for yourself, your children and National Defense," and urging the "planting of trees today for tomorrow's income."

Other things on exhibit were: special bred milch cows, special fed chickens and number of eggs laid by well fed hens, home cooked foods prepared from wheat and flour grown on well cared-for land, hogs, beautiful garments made from cloth that was made in South Carolina. Special care of cured meat was on exhibit. It was illustrated how to keep cured meat from getting stale and rotten. Cane and syrup, honey and bees were shown. Special care of land was illustrated. The modern kitchen in the rural home was shown and how it could be built. These farm exhibits on the C. and W. C. railroad will long be remembered in the hearts and minds of those who saw it.

Prof. and Mrs. Robert Kilgore of Edgefield, S. C., were in the city this week. While here they were the guests of their brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Collier Kilgore and their sister, Mrs. Wilma Robertson of 308 Elford St.

The many friends of Mr. Bennie Lee Kilgore will regret to know he is sick at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wister Kilgore near Moonville, S. C.

Mrs. Mattie Murray and daughter have moved to 308 Elford St. Mrs. Carrie Butler Williams of Mountain street, is visiting relatives and friends in Hodges, S. C. and Philadelphia, Pa. She is the wife of Mr. Walter Williams.

The funeral of Mrs. Della Sanders Thackston was held in Fountain Inn, S. C. Tuesday. She was the sister of Mr. Mose Sanders of Manly street.

Mrs. Marie Spearman and daughter are living at 334 E. Ford street.

M. Willard Wakefield has returned to the city after spending sometime in Pickens, S. C. He is stopping at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Young of 306 Elford St.

Prof. H. Bowers and his class of children of Laurel Creek school attended the live stock and farm show at the C. and W. C. depot Thursday morning.

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