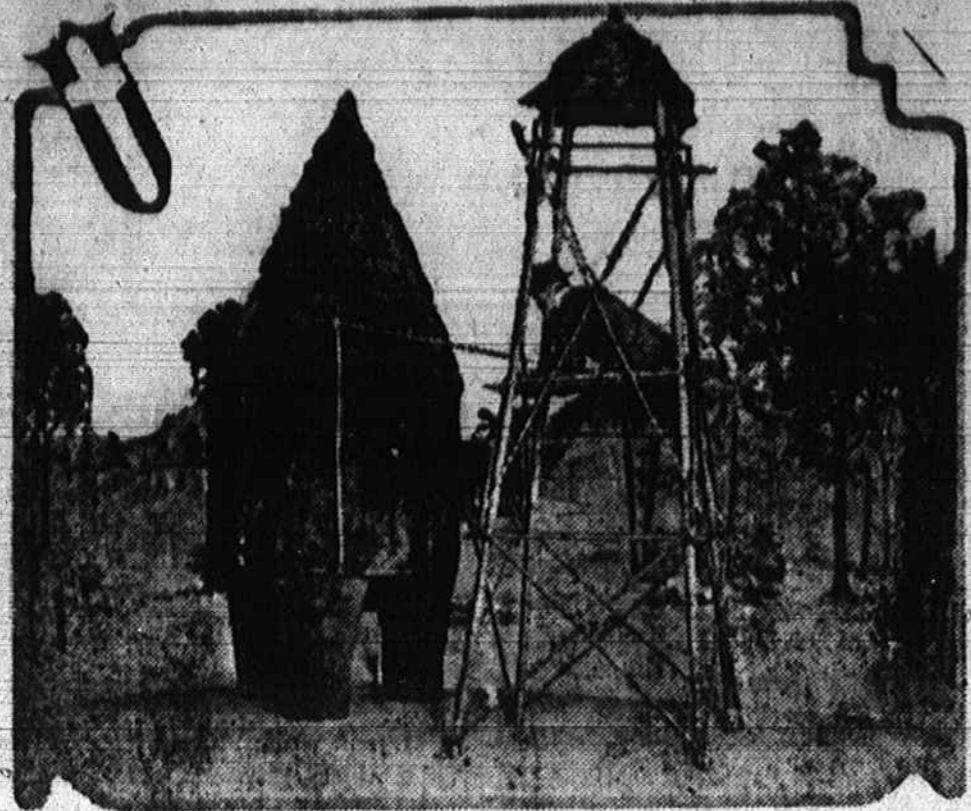


METHODIST CENTENARY CELEBRATION HAS A PECULIAR SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE NEGRO

HAVING been assured that preparations have been made for them, there are growing indications that large numbers of colored people from the South will attend the Methodist Centenary at Columbus, Ohio, June 29 to July 13. This event, which is calculated to bring the Methodist Church South and the Methodist Church North together in a degree of co-operation without precedent since 1847, has a peculiar significance for the Negro because the first home missionary of the Methodist Church was a Mulatto, by name John Stewart, who began his work of evangelization among the Wyandot Indians, near what is now Upper Sandusky, in the state of Ohio.

In their enormous plans, the Methodist Church of Tennessee; Dr. E. W. E. Mammond, editor of church literature, Rushville, Indiana; Dr. J. W. Robinson; Dr. G. R. Bryant and Dr. E. M. Carroll of Chicago; Dr. R. E. Jones, editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate; Dr. W. M. Brooks of New York; number of college presidents and district superintendents as well as a host of well educated, intelligent men and women, lay representatives of the varied fields of African Methodist Church activities.

Columbus boasts of eight African Methodist Churches, a new Y. M. C. A. building valued at \$100,000; two community social center houses, one on the tax duplicate for \$25,000, the



SCENE OF A VILLAGE IN AFRICA.

One of the Many Features of the African Exhibit at the Centenary Celebration.

odists of the two churches have created a special department to show the work of the Negro in evangelization, and to provide for his entertainment at Columbus. This department is in charge of Rev. E. L. Gilliam, pastor of St. Paul's A. M. E. Church, Columbus, and chairman of the African Centenary Bureau.

Among Africans of prominence who will be in Columbus to take part in the Centenary proceedings are: Bishop Alexander Camphor of Monrovia, Africa; Bishop Issah Scott of Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. W. A. C. Hughes, field secretary of the Board of Home Missions; Drs. F. S. Delaney of the Cincinnati-Maysville district, and A. M. Jones, field secretaries of the Board of Sunday Schools; Dr. W. S. Sherrill, field secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions; Dr. J. H. C. Coggins, field secretary of the

other for \$20,000; a Y. W. C. A. war community center; a theater and a movie house, and two good hotels.

A thoroughly organized African Centenary Committee is actively engaged in perfecting plans for the participation of nearly 2,000 negroes in various forms of the celebration activities. This committee includes district superintendents and the pastors and laymembers of the Columbus churches, who have charge of the enlistment of Africans for pageant and musical service and securing of accommodations for the Centenary visitors. Already a chorus of 500 colored singers, two colored bands, one of men, the other of women, and eight college quartets, are pledged and in training. In addition 300 Negroes will take part in the pageants and assist in the demonstration exhibits.

ALWAYS TEEMING WITH LIFE

Noises of Animals, Birds, or Insects Never Completely Stilled in the Jungles of Malay.

One may as well try to describe with justice the crater of an active volcano as to describe the jungle of Malay.

From without one sees a dense forest of very irregular height and of the most vivid green imaginable. Here and there towering above the others one sees immense trees, 200 feet high or more. From without the jungle looks impenetrable, and so it is, except by well-defined tracks, or by hacking one's way through, as I have done, for 150 miles.

Within the jungle all is gloom, except overhead, where one can see a misty light that filters up through the delicate foliage. All the trees shoot straight up, there being practically no horizontal branches from them. In fact, there are no trees that resemble the oak or other short-trunked trees.

The ground is nearly always damp or even slushy in places, and infested with land leeches that crawl up one's clothing and gorge themselves on your blood. The atmosphere is steamy, but far cooler than out in the open. I have taken the temperature just within the jungle, and found it to be about 80 degrees, but on placing the thermometer out in the sun it has rapidly reached the temperature of 148 degrees.

Early in the morning the jungle resounds with the cries of the monkeys just waking up. About 9:30 these cease and the ordinary day noises of birds, and the steady hum of insects prevail. The frequent tap of woodpeckers, the croak of huge treefrogs and the call of the peacock and argus pheasant re-echo through the jungle. Every now and then one hears a familiar cock-a-doodle-doo and the clucking of a hen and imagines one must be near a farm, until it is realized that it is only the jungle fowl, the ancestor of all domestic poultry.

Toward sunset, about six o'clock, there suddenly bursts out a perfectly deafening din of buzzing and shrieking insects. It is no exaggeration to state that the noise of the insect life at sunset makes it practically impossible to hear oneself speak. This continues until about seven o'clock, when darkness has set in and then it dies away considerably. Throughout the night one hears all kinds of queer noises that were absent during the day.

With luck, you may hear the growl and roar of a tiger, hunting some poor animal. Frequently one hears a great commotion among the birds and monkeys that had been sleeping in some tall tree, as their slumber is disturbed by a snake that has climbed up and caught one of them. A common sound is the despairing shriek of a jungle fowl caught by some wildcat. Occasionally one's sleep is disturbed by a loud crashing of trees and the trumpeting of a herd of elephants. In fact, the jungle teems with life and death, day and night.—G. Carveth Wells, in Oregon Journal.

Carburetor Uses Kerosene.

An automatic carburetor has been developed in England for which astonishing claims are made. The details of its construction are withheld, but its performance is said on good authority to be remarkable. During a demonstration test it was used on a two-cylinder, six-horsepower motorcycle. The start was made with the engine cold and the float chamber half filled with gasoline. The change to kerosene, while under way, produced no noticeable difference in the performance of the engine. There was no knocking on grades, no smoke, no odor. The cylinders fired crisply, the pickup was quick, the firing regular at all speeds, and the power all that could be desired. It is even claimed that, with the new carburetor, a gallon of kerosene will drive the motorcycle and sidecar the unheard-of distance of 98 miles, but there is no official confirmation of this statement.

Learning Deadly Aim.

The skill with which American gunners frustrated the attacks of U-boats was due, in a large measure, to the use of an ingenious target for gun practice during the voyages. The device consisted of a framework, about thirty feet long and five feet wide, built to be drawn through the water, with an imitation conning tower and periscope mounted on the upper side. It was drawn behind the ship by means of two cables attached one above the other. By pulling on the upper one the upper side of the frame was made to project forward, causing the target to rise to the surface, while by pulling on the lower cable the device would quickly submerge. Officers out of sight of the gunners manipulated the apparatus, frequently changing the range by paying out or taking in the cables.

Getting Rid of Marble Waste.

The waste of a Vermont marble quarry is reduced by crushers and rolls to fragments of one-half inch or less, and is then burned into quicklime. The rotary kiln for this purpose is 8 feet in diameter and 20 feet long, inclined 4 per cent from the horizontal. It is driven by a belt from a 30-horse power motor, and has a speed of 0.5 to 1.5 revolutions per second. Producer gas introduced at the lower end yields a temperature of 2,200 degrees F. This converts the rock fragments into quicklime by driving off the carbonic acid gas, and the hot material drops from the lower end of the kiln into a rotating cooling cylinder. In this cylinder the draft of air passing to the burning gas cools the product for the storage bins.

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LEE COUNTY NEWS

Items of Interest Gathered From Bishopville Vindicator.

Walls of the new brick roller mill have reached the top of second story and the work is going forward with no delays.

On Saturday morning April 26 the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Danton Smith and took from them their only child, Virgil Lawton.

Among recent weddings of interest to a wide circle of friends in this and other States was that of Miss Vashti DuBose, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Davis DuBose of Bishopville, to Mr. Parker Rhyme of Charlotte, N. C., which took place at the home of the bride's parents 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, April 20th, the Rev. T. E. Teasley officiating.

Last Sunday we talked with Mr. Elias McCutchen, who came back with the 30th Division about two or three weeks ago. He was with the ammunition train and while they did not go into the trench fights, they were even more exposed to the enemy's shells, because their work was to carry ammunition and pile it up at the trenches as fast as it was shot away. That the shelling was so severe they had to do most of the hauling at night.

Last Wednesday Magistrate Carnes, Sheriff Scarborough with Constable E. W. Folsom found at Simpson Kennedy's house on the Rose Hill plantation 25 gallons of sour mash just ready to be distilled into whiskey. They did not find any whiskey but arrested Simpson and he is now in jail.

On Monday, said Deputy Folsom to Frank Smith's house on same plantation and he got one quart of booze and arrested him for transporting liquor.

John Fulton, in whose house was found a still last week was arrested last Saturday and Magistrate Carnes put him under a cash bond of \$300 and sent the case to higher court. He was fined however by the Magistrate \$100 or 30 days on gang for storing liquor. Of course being a whiskey distiller he paid the cash fine.

In the McCutchen mill pond not far from Rose Hill, a young man went fishing, so our reporter was informed and the first thing he pulled up was a five gallon tin can and from its smell had been used as a still.

Next morning Mr. Dean, the miller, found an empty barrel which had been freshly used for sour mash, floating at peer head in the pond.

The Sheriff and Magistrate Carnes evidently had scared some rascal to hide on his trail and no doubt he will be hauled to justice soon.

Magistrate Carnes sent out his constables with the Sheriff and deputy and hauled in paraphernalia of three stills taken in the Ionic section, one being on the place of Mrs. J. C. Bramlett, James Rivers, Hurt McKnight and Isaac Dukes were arrested and are now in jail. They got no booze, but found a barrel of mash which the darkey said was his bog feed. Another was in the still, which was a five gallon tin can, ready for distillation, but that darkey got away. Magistrate Carnes says he and the Sheriff are going to break the business or fill the jail.

Last Saturday night a raid was made on the Express office here and 24 quarts of liquor and one quart of wine taken. A bag of hams was in the office, which the thieves took but emptied the contents in rear of the building and used the bag to carry off the booze. As yet no arrest has been made as the party suspicioned has left these parts.

Bennie Richards, a negro, at Warrenton, Ga., was hanged and his body burned near that place last Friday morning. Richards had killed his wife and fled to a swamp. In trying to affect his capture Sheriff W. O. Brinkley was shot and seriously wounded by the negro.

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