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BETHEL CHURCHES: COLUMBIA-ATLANTA

Many of the metropolitan churches of the African Methodist people held rallies on Mother's Day. This was unique in thought, purpose and contribution. Thousands of dollars were placed in the hands of the trustees of these churches to liquidate their obligations.

According to a statement by the Rev. W. B. Loving Clark, minister of Bethel church, Columbia, the two churches leading in the Mother's Day rally were Bethel church, Columbia and Bethel church, Atlanta, Ga. Bethel church, Columbia, received \$2,000 in her rally and more is being reported.

The influence of Bishop J. S. Flipper was seen and felt in the rally at Bethel church, Columbia on Mother's Day. It was his influence that brought to Bethel church \$1,200 in addition to the rally. The Bishop also gave a donation of \$25.00. Search the records. We do not believe another Prelate has ever done as much for Bethel church in Columbia.

The officers and members are appreciative of this aid and it encourages them to continue to climb the hill before them in solving the problem at Bethel church in Columbia. Congratulations to officers and members who made the sacrifice in this glorious effort.

THE COTTON JUBILEE

This is National Cotton Week and Monday was Cotton Bargain Day with Columbia Merchants with 60 members of Columbia Merchants Association participating. Real bargains in cotton goods were offered and shoppers from various parts of South Carolina came to Columbia to take advantage of low prices and to select from the great variety of articles offered.

There are 13,000,000 bales of cotton in warehouses without a market outlet through the channels of foreign and domestic consumption.

This is a problem that must be solved to relieve this huge surplus and help the cotton farmer get a reasonable price for his 1939 crop.

Housewives can make a contribution to this problem by taking advantage of the excellent bargains offered in cotton goods on display in our stores.

We must use more cotton in various ways. Nothing can regulate the market prices of a commodity more than a large consumption of that commodity by the buying public.

Negro planters will reap equal share in cotton prices if the slant goes upward, and a demonstration like the effort this week is one of the many ways we can have a reasonable price for our cotton. The cotton jubilee is featured here with telling effect. Observe the crux of a fine news story of the movement.

Paris has decreed cotton as this season's leading fashion fabric. Women's magazines are creating millions of customers for cotton dresses with the news. The

MAYBE SO AND MAYBE NOT

(By W. H. Shackelford)

UNTIDINESS

I have in mind a very talented woman. I am thinking also of a very brilliant man.

The woman I'm thinking of can do many things well, and one thing in grand style. However, I just have to use that little word "BUT." But this brilliant woman is so habitually untidy, a sion that one would hardly believe she possessed any talent worth nothing.

In spite of the fact that her associates are patterns of neatness and gentility, this woman defies all the properties and stands out ridiculously opposite the appearance of those about her. Why?

The man I am thinking about is good, very good, in his profession; he has good-looking physical features and possesses some fine qualities. But - yes, but he is so filthy that people shun him. This

market is full of more attractive cotton notions and accessories than have been seen for years. This is the prospect for the buyer as National Cotton Week opens in Columbia.

Cotton gives employment to more Americans than any other crop and the observance of National Cotton Week is intended to increase the use of cotton throughout the nation. The nationwide observance is the product of unanimous cooperation on the part of those who grow, handle and process cotton and cotton goods.

More than 75,000 of America's retail merchants are taking part in the observance of the week and customers are expected to spend \$3,000,000 for cotton materials during the week.

Negro Farmers Celebrate 25th Extension Year

On Saturday, May 13th, more than 900 Negro farm men and women and 4-H club boys and girls of Sumter county gathered in the city of Sumter to celebrate the 25th anniversary of farm extension work.

The meeting was held at the Lyric theatre. There are thirty community leaders in the county and each took an active part in seeing that his or her community was well represented at this meeting.

The main speaker was Farm Demonstration Agent S. C. Disher of Darlington county. The speaker gave a splendid outline of the accomplishments in the field of agriculture under the farm extension program. His talk was both interesting and helpful to the farmers.

Mrs. Marion B. Paul, state supervisor of Negro home demonstration work also spoke telling of some of the great accomplishments of the farm extension program. Other speakers were Mrs. Marion McLester, president of the council of Sumter county farm men and women, McQuilla Hudson, president of the 4-H council and Mrs. Annie Dennis, one of the community leaders of the county.

Miss Ophelia Williams, ex-home demonstration agent for Sumter county was presented and made helpful remarks. She now has charge of the home management department at State A. and M. college, Orangeburg.

Another outstanding feature was the moving picture furnished by the farm extension service. This picture showed the progress of Negro farm demonstration work throughout the United States. It is gratifying to be able to say that Sumter county was represented in this picture. The kitchen of Mrs. F. D. Delaine, community leader of St. Michael community was shown. This picture was taken by the government a few years ago during the time when Miss Ophelia Williams was home demonstration agent for this county.

We wish to thank the farm men and women of the county for their splendid cooperation. We wish also to thank Mr. Covington, manager of the Lyric theatre for making it possible for us to have this meeting at the Lyric theatre and for the picture which he gave us.

J. C. MALONEY, Negro Farm Demonstration Agent JANIE RUCKER, Negro Farm Demonstration Agent

MONEY FOR ALLEN'S LIBRARY FUND

Dear Mr. Myers: Enclosed you will find money order for \$15.50. This contribution comes from the A. U. Club of Spartanburg.

We regret very much that this contribution did not reach you at the appointed time. May the drive for the library funds move on to success.

Respectfully yours, (Mrs.) Stacy V. Whitmire

ST. ANDREWS A.M.E. CHURCH Rev. G. H. White, Pastor

Andrews, S. C.—Our church school was conducted by Mrs. E. B. Greene. A very splendid review was given by Miss Theo. Addison. The pastor's morning message was The Earth is the Lord's. President Rudolph Greene is able again to take charge of the

man appears with holes in his trousers; his teeth, never brushed, are repulsive and repellent. Why?

An old preacher once said that human beings, possess all the instincts and traits of the lower animals. The task is to subdue these low and base traits and thereby rise to superiority.

Some people never rise above lower animals and their tendencies. The "hog" in them predominates; they remain filthy. Some people allow the "snake" in them to dominate; they remain sneaky and dangerous to deal with.

There are people in whom the "dog" is the ruling passion; they bark and bite and often go mad. "Hog," "snakes," and "dogs" do not belong in polite society however talented they may be. (Rights reserved)

League. The evening message was given by Rev. J. Johnson. In the absence of the organist and assistant organist, Mrs. J. E. Smith and Prof. Smith, Miss Rudolph Greene furnished the music to the satisfaction of all.

Little Sadie McGill was baptized on Mothers' Day. When this news came off the press the Kingstere District conference will have been history. As usual we are paying out in full for the year. Also we are paying in full what the authorities asked us to raise for the Allen Library.

In our Educational drive, Mrs. E. B. Greene lead with the ladies, the pastor followed with the men. Among the young folk Prof. Smith lead with the young men and boys and Mrs. White followed with the young ladies and girls. Those selling bricks for the Library drive—Catherine Mae White lead followed by Miss Arneitha Smith. This is a church that really works and puts over a program.

This church is working hard and hopes that Miss Mary F. Greene will win the trip to Jacksonville, Fla., to the Connectional W. H. and P. Society meeting in August. After spending one week in the Good Samaritan-Waverly hospital Mr. Fred Greene is back and looks the picture of health.

Little Catherine Mae White has gone to spend a while in Laurens and other points with relatives. Miss Arneitha Smith is spending the summer at Due West and other places with relatives and friends.

MT. ZION A. M. E. CHURCH

Rev. S. Chism, Pastor. Sellers, S. C.—At 9:30 a.m. we assembled and witnessed a wonderful black board illustration by our pastor. He used as a subject Catch Them for the Kingdom. This was a wonderful lecture and witnessed by a large, appreciative audience. Rev. Chism is a strong and powerful preacher and a friend of young people.

At 10:30 S. S. began with the Supt. and co-workers at their post of duty. A splendid lesson through out the school and review by the Supt., Mr. J. L. Crosland. At 11:30 a.m. morning service began, the pastor selected his text from 107th Psalms 27th verse. This was a wonderful message the spiritual fire was burning high at the close of this service. It really seemed like old Mt. Zion.

At 6:30 p.m. the A.C.E. League assembled and rendered a wonderful program, sponsored by the young people, Miss Marion McDaniell, president; Mr. Bennie Hopkins, secretary.

At 7:30 we again witnessed another wonderful message from our pastor who selected his text from the 37:4 Ezek. Quite a few members of the Baptist church worshipped with us at this service. Visitors are always welcome.

Our pastor and the Rev. A. J. Pogue were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cooper.

The Church Aid board met at the home of Mrs. L. Moody. After the meeting we were served a delicious course of cake and lemonade and desserts. The Pulpit Aid met at the home of Mrs. G. A. Hunt and reported a lovely meeting.

On Monday night, June 5th we are giving a reception at Mount Zion A. M. E. church, sponsored by our pastor, in honor of all the out-of-town school children and them that are graduating. Their out-of-town friends are cordially invited to attend this reception.

Mr. Joe Windom of Latta was in town Saturday on business. Stewardess Board No. 1 met at the home of Mrs. Nellie Lewis Sunday evening at 3:30 p.m.

Mrs. Lue Blackwell is on the sick list at this writing. We are praying for her a speedy recovery.

NORTH SIDE SCHOOL NEWS

Mrs. C. J. Peek, Principal

Anderson, S. C.—The North Side P.T.A. met at the school house on Friday night, May 19. Mrs. M. E. Adams had charge of the devotional and the program. This being Fathers' night, the fathers furnished the music for the evening. The parents made brief talks expressing themselves as having enjoyed all of the P.T.A. meetings and thanked the teachers for the service they had rendered this year.

Mrs. Peek in behalf of the teachers and as principal of the North Side school expressed her

Plans Varied Entertainment



NORMAN O. HOUSTON, secretary-treasurer and entertainment chairman for the Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Co., during the National Negro Insurance convention which will be held in Los Angeles, July 12-14, released a varied recreation schedule this week for delegates and visitors to the convention. Outstanding among activities is an evening as guest of the Joe E. Brown program in Hollywood's Columbia Broadcasting System's studio and an excursion to the world-famed Catalina Islands. (ANP.)

appreciation to the parents for their cooperation during the year. During the social hour the parents served chicken salad, ham and pimento cheese sandwiches, potato chips. Ice cream and cake.

A large number of the P.T.A. members were present for this delightful affair, which is an annual event with the North Side school. Cinderella in Flower Land, an operetta in four acts was presented by the 3rd and 4th grades May 8, under the direction of Misses Georgia Sullivan, Alberta Foster and Mrs. Eva K. Jones.

The scene of the play was a flower garden, and the stage setting was realistic and well done.

The outstanding performance of the evening was given by Lois Emerson who took the part of Cinderella. Other outstanding performances were given by William Carter, Pansy Cowans, Carrie B. Hunter, David Powell and Alice Fair.

Much praise should be given the teachers for their hard labor with the children in working up this operetta.

Let's go Traveling. The final play of the season was presented on May 15, by the 5th and 6th grades, before a large and appreciative audience. The costumes were particularly good and the pupils knew their parts unusually well. Some of the outstanding characters were: Harold Mack, Rahmell Peek, Australia Powell, Joe Eva Whitfield, Janie Wharton, Mary Carolyn McGee, Annie Hall and Roger Adams.

The cast and teachers Mrs. Scipio Jones and Miss Louise Williams are to be congratulated upon their work. Miss Janie Reynolds visited the school Friday, May 10, en route to her home in Columbia.

LEXINGTON NEWS

Rev. I. O. Simmons, Pastor S. S. at Bethel was had at its usual hour with the officers and teachers at their respective places. The lesson was beautifully discussed by the different classes and reviewed by Rev. W. H. Walker. At 11:45 the Rev. Walker preached a soul stirring sermon from the subject: "A Private Talk". The message was enjoyed. Sunday afternoon the pastor motored to Spring Hill and organized a wonderful League. At 6:30 the A.C.E. League was had with a large attendance. At 7:30 Rev. F. C. Laws, pastor of the Broad River circuit brought to us another wonderful message which gave us food for thought.

On next Sunday the pastor will be at Spring Hill. All members are asked to be present.

Sunday afternoon at 5:30 the Junior Missionaries are sponsoring a program at Bethel church. Everyone is cordially invited.

Miss Tazilia Harris was elected to represent Bethel church as a worker in the library on the Lexington Rosenwald school ground. Miss Quincey Lee Simmons left Monday for New York. We hope for her a very pleasant stay.

The October Pinks club met at the home of Mrs. Nancy Bickley a successful meeting was had.

On next Wednesday night the above named club will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wise, Jr.

Those on the sick list are: Mrs. Martha Borstie, Mrs. Lillie Drafts and Mrs. Jennie Sligh. We hope for them a rapid recovery.

Mattie M. Black, reporter.

Home From New York City

Mrs. Mae Felder Holladay of New York City the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis T. Felder who reside in Sumter, S. C., on South Manning Ave., was called home last week on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. Sallie T. Felder. It is hoped that Mrs. Felder will soon be herself again.

THE "LEADER" SUBSCRIBE FOR

Dr. T. J. Miles

We do not admire the man of timid spirit. We admire the man who embodies victorious effort; the man who never wrongs his neighbor; who is prompt to help a friend; but who has those virile qualities necessary to win in the stern strife of actual life. Such is the character of Dr. Miles. Unaffected by a temporary defeat, the storm of criticism, or the persecution by the so-called learned, he still stands in the hearts of men of South Carolina, like some patriarchal monarch of the forest, with its vigorous roots riveted to the soil, and its broad limbs spread in bold outline against the sky; and in generations yet to come, as in the present, the sunlight of honor and renown will delight to linger and play amid its venerable branches. Realizing his responsibility as leader of the state, and that honor and justice rather than what is pleasant, easy, and profitable should be the controlling motive of his attitude toward each man of the state, he has striven with might and main to be of service to all.

I have long ago learned that greatness consists not in holding an office, but in doing great deeds with little means; in the accomplishment of vast purposes where others failed, in benefiting one's neighbor, in blessing one's own family and the community in which he dwells. There and there only, is the great test of human goodness and greatness to be found. Dr. Miles has the happy fitted gift of inspiring the men who labor under him, with his own heroic spirit. If we take into account the qualities necessary for the conduct of a district, that it requires special aptitude, promptitude of action on emergencies, capacity for organizing men (which requires great tact and knowledge of human nature), constant self control, and self-culture, and growing experience in the practical affairs of life and the church; it must, we think, be obvious that the scholl of presiding elders is by no means so inconsiderate as some would have us believe.

Any man who has the ability to take leadership in the presiding elder's office for twenty years surviving, not only his predecessors on a district, but even himself, ever his previous year's work, has earned the right to be entrusted with larger responsibilities in the affairs of the church. His genial and social nature combined with amiable courtesy, has endeared to him the men of the state.

Dr. Miles has reached the meridian of his years. He stands upon the high plateau of middle-life in that serene atmosphere where temptations no longer assail, where the clamorous passions no more distract, and where the conditions are favorable for noble and enduring achievement.

Let us always keep this in mind: It is not for eminent talent that is required the insure success in any pursuit, so much as character and purpose; not merely the learning and power to achieve, but the will to labor energetically and perseveringly. Mere wishes and desires but engender a sort of green sickness in men, unless they are promptly embodied in act and deed.

Hence it happens that the men who have most moved the world have not been so much men of scholarly attainments, strictly so called as men of intense mediocre ability, and untiring perseverance; not so often the gifted of naturally bright and shining qualities, as those who have applied themselves diligently to work, in whatsoever line that may be. Wanting in perseverance, industry and character, some of our most brilliant minds are outstripped in the race of life by the diligent and even the dull.

I am sincerely, Rev. John H. Grant, Dean of Theology, Allen University, Columbia, South Carolina

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