

# THE BUCKEYE STATE

By Alexander O. Taylor

Cleveland, Ohio, March 1.—Harry E. Thompson, Cleveland's popular baritone, has returned from a successful three months' season with the Fisk Singers. He resumed his position as director of Cory M. E. choir Sunday, his wife, Mrs. Grace Willis Thompson, having filled the position ably during his absence. \* Robert B. Hodges, foreman at the Cleveland Hardware Co.'s plant, has returned from St. Louis and Chicago. \* Mrs. Thomas Cook, mother of Miss Bessie Cook, who took special treatment at St. Luke's Hospital, was able to return home Saturday greatly improved. \* The last meeting of the Deborah class of St. John's Sunday school at the home of Mrs. Essie Wridgely, E. 49th street, was an interesting one, as quotations from Lincoln were given by the ten members present. Mrs. Margaret Gales, a member, was indorsed as one of the participants in the movie contest being conducted under the auspices of the National Comfort Committee (local, of which Editor Ormand A. Forte is chairman and George A. Myers treasurer. Mrs. Gale has made a success in taking the leading role in every play given by the class. Mrs. Ina Perkins Hawkins, vice president, bride of Ralph W. Hawkins, was presented with a beautiful cut glass vase, Mrs. Wridgely proved a charming hostess. Next meeting with Mrs. Pearl Manly, E. 39th street. \* The Young Men's Auxiliary of the Phillips Wheatley Association is doing splendid work in co-operating with the association. Great results are expected from the auxiliary this year. The officers: H. C. Jenkins, president; P. Bolt, vice president; F. C. Wilson, secretary; Alfred Stewart, assistant secretary; Adam Hall, treasurer. The Coleridge Taylor Choral Society held a very encouraging call meeting at the P. W. A. Wednesday of last week and laid plans for this year. Mrs. Rachel Walker Turner, the directress, will be at the next meeting. The society appreciated the visit of Samuel White of the navy. \* The following were the participants at the "grand concert supreme" of the Young Men's Sedulous Club at Cory M. E. Church: Prayer, P. L. Williams; piano solo, Russell C. Fox; readings, Howard Cary; vocal solo, Tost's "Good-bye." Mrs. Wright, understudy of Mrs. Grace Willis Thompson; address, "Conservation of Manhood," Samuel V. Perry. P. L. Williams was master of ceremonies. Officers of this ambitious club are: L. M. Mason, president; F. Wilson, first vice president; E. Boggess, second vice president; A. M. Stokes, secretary; E. Calaway, treasurer; S. C. Perry, assistant secretary; R. C. Fox, corresponding secretary; R. Rector, chairman building committee; H. Reese, secretary, and A. S. Carr, auditor; F. Lyons, chairman of athletic committee. \* The "Stove League" which meets at Ernest Jackson's pharmacy every Wednesday is composed of some of our most progressive young men. Some of the officers and members: Ernest P. Jackson, major general; William Turner and Sidney Thompson, colonels; Osborn Dyson, lieutenant colonel; Richard Sissle, George McCreary and Charles Sutton, captains; Joe Sisco, Charles Hackley, Millard Lewis, Clarence Davis and Reginald Ryan, lieutenants; Al Stewart, Albert Carr and Charlie Harris, corporals. \* Mesdames Madeline Hulton Fowler, bride of Clinton Fowler, and Idah Grey Cheeks, one of our efficient public school teachers, were honor guests at a dinner party given recently by Mrs. Anna May Phillips Heffron. \* The funeral of Mrs. Edward Taylor, mother of Miss Gertrude Taylor, took place Saturday from the family residence, 152d street, collinwood. Her death was a shock to the community. \* At a reception given by the members of Mt. Zion Congregational Church Wednesday last week a welcome was extended to the new pastor, Rev. Irving Keith Merchant, and farewell to the retiring pastor, Rev. G. V. Clark. Miss Bessie Cook rendered an organ voluntary. Mrs. Thomas W. Fleming was mistress of ceremonies. \* Mrs. Jesse Thrower, E. 43d street, was called to St. Louis by the serious illness of her father. \* Full account of election of officers of the Caterers' Association in next issue. \* Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Hogan have purchased a beautiful 8-room house on Cedar avenue, near E. 71st street. The former is a popular member of the Caterers' Association and the latter, formerly Mrs. Emma Moxley Green, noted for her thrift and ambition, holds the position of bookkeeper for one of Cleveland's large oil companies. \* Dr. Ned Chestnutt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Chestnutt, this city, graduated from the dental department of Northwestern University, Chicago; opened beautiful offices in the new Jordan Building, 36th and State streets, Chicago, several weeks ago, and is doing a promising business. \* Mrs. Emma Morgan, E. 128th street, Mt. Pleasant, was able to leave Eddy Road Hospital last week greatly improved.

Mrs. Flora Lee Thomas, E. 43d street, attended the funeral of her brother in Zanesville last week. \* J. Walter Willis and sisters, Mesdames Anna Hearn, Mary Moss and Mrs. Slaughter, mother of Slaughter brothers, were summoned to Urbana, Ohio, by the death of their sister, Mrs. Nannie Allen. \* Rev. Merchant, the new pastor of Mt. Zion church, preached a splendid sermon to women Sunday evening. The choir, under the direction of Jay W. Noble, rendered beautiful music. \* Rev. Pezavia O'Connell, pastor of Cory M. E. church, is being surfeited with compliments from all sides, most especially from the white guests at the Lincoln-Douglass last week, among whom were several of our city officials and other men of prominence for his eloquent and scholarly addresses delivered at the banquet and at the lyceum of the Cleveland Association of Colored Men Sunday afternoon, as well as at the lyceum of the Caterers' Association Sunday week. Among our literary critics he has won the reputation as an orator of the first rank and the title of "Roscoe C. Simmons, Number Two." \* Miss Drusilla Dupree left Saturday, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Rosa Dupree, 10819 Colonial avenue, to visit her fiancé, Mess Sergeant Hightower, located at Camp Stuart, Newport News, Va. \* Frank Calloway, guest at the Central hotel the past year, has left for training at Camp Sherman. \* "The Dixie Four" composed of Arthur Ford, J. T. and M. T. Emmett and Harry Lindsay arrived from Detroit Monday morning. They leave the first of the week for Pittsburgh and the East for work on B. F. Keith's U. B. O. circuit. Mrs. Fannie Ford, E. 105th street, mother of Arthur, John and Harry Ford, has been sick. \* Guests at O. B. Moss' Central Hotel: George Davis, Harrisburg, Pa.; H. Harris, chauffeur, St. Paul, Minn.; Mrs. Victoria Ingrams, Atlanta, Ga., who came here to take her sick son home; Earl Childs and Frank James, motoring party from Toledo; Frank L. Washington, Sandusky; L. S. Hill, wife and baby, Wabash avenue, Chicago; E. H. Brown and wife, Chicago; John Scott, Dover, Ohio. \* Britt Garrett of the Central Hotel has joined forces at San Antonio, Tex., for army training. \* Miss Edna Fuster, 10611 Arthur avenue, was married to John Williams here. The groom was en route to Columbus, N. M., to join his company. \* Sergeant Jackson Foster, brother of Miss Beatrice Foster, cashier of the Realty Housing & Investment Company, was married to Miss Mildred Wiggins of Cleveland at Camp Sherman last week. Miss Foster accompanied the bride by way of Columbus and Indianapolis. The latter will remain in Chillicothe indefinitely. \* Grant Vanderpool, employe at the Cleveland Hardware Company's mam-

moth plant, a student of architecture, is in receipt of many complimentary expressions for an excellent facsimile of Kaiser Wilhelm, designed last week at the request of the official printer of the plant for use on a poster to be distributed in a war saving stamp campaign. \* T. C. Foster has returned from an extensive visit in Watertown and New York City. While in the latter city he was highly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Cook and his brother Wad Foster and Miss Addie Walton and sister. \* Last Sunday was celebrated as conference day by the local missionary societies at Tridestone Baptist church, 25th street and Orange avenue. Addresses were made by Miss Mamie Rose, president of Tridestone society; Mrs. May Horrance, Second Emmanuel Baptist; Mrs. Ellen Jackson, Antioch Baptist; Mrs. Muth, missionary from South Africa; Mrs. Della Offer from the Home Missionary Society of Cory, and representatives from St. James and Mt. Haven churches. Rev. C. H. Crable, pastor Mt. Haven Baptist, accompanied by his wife, sang an impressive solo, and special music was rendered by Rev. Jones' choir. Second Emmanuel church. \* Rev. B. K. Smith, pastor of East Mt. Zion Baptist church, is ill at his home, 2297 E. 101st street. \* J. W. Wills & Co. report the following deaths: Ida May Johnson, 35, 2841 Central avenue; Mary Watkins, 11, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Watkins, 3409 E. 128th street; Jessie Payne Taylor, 42, wife of Edward Taylor, 996 E. 152d street; John Payne, 42, 2354 E. 36th street. \* William Majors, E. 36th street, was called to Wheeling, W. Va., by the death of his wife. \* The Olive Leaf club, Irene A. Burkett, president, gives a concert at Cory church, March 6, for the benefit of the Red Cross. Harry T. Ford, cornet imitator, and Howard Carey, dramatic reader, will be prominent participants. \* Mrs. Susie Taylor, 10507 Arthur avenue, is able to be out. She entertained Mrs. Della Offer at tea Friday evening. \* At the special meeting of the P. W. A. at Shiloh church, Sunday afternoon, Miss Marie Wing (white), general secretary of the Y. W. C. A. spoke interestingly, Mrs. Charles Waddell recited "Philosophy," from Dunbar and Mrs. Grace Willis Thompson rendered several vocal numbers in an effective manner. \* A royal welcome was tendered Mrs. Florence Jones, royal grand matron of the state of Ohio and its jurisdiction of the Order of Eastern Star, at a reception given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. James Rogers en route from Cincinnati to Lorain to set up a chapter. She was guest of Mrs. Amy McFarland, Prospect avenue. \* Rev. C. R. Jones, pastor Second Emmanuel Baptist church, 79th and Quincy, will preach at Mt. Haven Baptist church Sunday afternoon and his choir will sing. \* Mrs. Lottie Crosby, Ann Arbor, Mich., was guest of her cousin, Mrs. David Jackson, 2427 Central avenue, last week. The latter's daughter, Mrs. George Marshall, was able to leave the hospital the past week greatly improved. \* Mrs. Jackson, wife of Rev. J. S. Jackson, has been quite ill at her home, St. John's parsonage, E. 40th street, not in a hospital as was incorrectly stated. \* The Women's Mite Missionary Society of St. John's church celebrated its silver anniversary in a most brilliant manner Monday evening, 110 lady guests being present to partake of the feast prepared by R. W. Miller, the popular caterer. Mrs. Margaret Anderson read an interesting history of the society and Mrs. Ella White, honorary president, read a financial report covering the past twenty-five years in which she stated over \$5,600 had been raised by St. John's branch. Mrs. Marie T. Perkins is the energetic president. \* Private Homer L. Howland was expected from Newport News, Va., this week on a ten-day furlough to visit his mother, wife of Capt. W. J. Howland, 2228 E. 37th street, who has been sick. He is from Company H, 372d U. S. Infantry, formerly Company D, Ninth Battalion. \* James Rogers reports the following deaths: Daniel W. Griggs, 2354 E. 37th street; and James Roller, a centenarian, father of Horace Roller, 2352 E. 28th street, whose funeral took place from Shiloh Baptist church, of which he had been a deacon over fifty years; Rev. Fishback officiated. \* It is said that J. E. Dunfill, battalion adjutant of the former Ninth Battalion, a number of years, has been commissioned as captain, Clarence Brown promoted to captain of the 372d U. S. Infantry, and Wallace Stokes to first lieutenant. \* We omitted Lieut. Arthur Brown as a member of the "Stove League." \* George B. Cooper was president of the Bean club of the Caterers' Association the past week. \* Slaughter Bros., report the following deaths: Mrs. Dorothy Foster, 29, wife of William Foster, E. 87th street; Robert Foster, 1 year, son of Benjamin and Margaret Harris, 9011 Blaine avenue; J. C. Reeves, 22, City Hospital. \* The Ladies of the Clover Leaf Crochet club entertained their husbands royally Feb. 15 in honor of their first anniversary at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Taylor, 6319 Central avenue. Covers were laid for 22, after which a program was rendered. Mrs. Addie Lewis, president; Mrs. Florence Craver, secretary. \* J. H. Berry of the Mather Realty Company, closed a deal with the Apostolic Faith church on Central avenue for the purchase of property for a church building on E. 40th street, between Woodland and Orange. \* Congressman H. I. Emerson and Director Alexander Bernstein paid glowing tributes to our Race in their addresses, delivered at the Attucks Republican club Lincoln-Douglass banquet. There were 200 guests, all men. The officers of the club are: Councilman Thomas W. Fleming, president; Dennis Fowler, vice president; W. H. Chaney, secretary; W. H. Crawford, treasurer; Rev. Irving Keith Merchant, chaplain. \* Miss Lucy Manson, 2374 E. 33d street, sister of David Manson, Chicago, Ill., was married last week to James D. Dickerson, 3381 E. 126th street.

Springfield, Ohio, March 1.—Letters of appreciation were received Monday by members of the Culture Assembly club from the soldiers of Clark county and Springfield for the boxes of cigarettes, candy and chewing gum sent them. \* Mrs. Anna Miles, 311 South Center street, died Tuesday. \* Mr. and Mrs. William Browning, Benton avenue, are the parents of a ten and a half pound boy. \* A woman's meeting was held Sunday at Trinity A. M. E. church, conducted by Miss Mary Evans, the Evangelist. \* Arthur Woods is ill at his home on Railroad street. \* Henry Linden is still ill at his home on East Euclid avenue. \* Mrs. C. M. Patterson entertained the Women's Home and Foreign Missions Thursday. \* Mrs. Howard Pentley, Nashville, Tenn., is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. J. C. Basey. \* Funeral services for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stewart, 920 Misfalten avenue, who died Monday, was held Wednesday. \* Oscar Johnson died Tuesday. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Alice Johnson. Arlington, Tenn.

Sandusky, O., March 1.—J. T. Cannon and Miss Mary Moore, both of Cairo, Ill., who were recently married, have purchased a home at 1018 South D. P. street. \* Sulley Alexander, 714 Rockwell street, is ill. Little Lucille Alexander, daughter of Mrs. John W. T. Alexander, 714 Rockwell street, celebrated her third birthday anniversary Friday. \* A. Grissom was injured while at work at the Bay View foundry. \* Joe Hick, formerly of Cairo, Ill., now in this city, has purchased a home at 1001 Fillmore street. \* Joseph Tur-

er of Mounds, Ill., has purchased a home on Fillmore street. \* Mrs. John Adams of 1411 Hayes avenue will entertain Circle No. 3 at her home. \* Samuel Alexander of Miller City has purchased a home on Fillmore street. \* Harvey Pulley has recovered. \* J. D. Rhodes is ill. \* The rally at St. Stephen's A. M. E. church last Sunday was a success. \* Mrs. A. Alexander and Mrs. H. Grissom of Fillmore street are among the maids employed at O. S. Home.

Toledo, O., March 1.—The Crochet Club No. 1 met with Mrs. Luby King, 1411 Wayne street. \* Mrs. Catherine Hawkins is in the city visiting Mrs. L. King. \* The member of Crochet Club No. 1 are Mmes. L. King, C. Hankins, B. Gilbert, A. McKinney, J. Sikes, S. Good, O. Brown, E. Hunt, J. Levie, A. Carter, M. Beach, V. Beach, S. King and E. Jackson.

Lorain, O., March 1.—The pastor's wife, Mrs. E. Forte, is better. \* The Amanda Smith Progressive club of St. Matthew's A. M. E. church was entertained this week by Mrs. P. L. McKinney and Mrs. Ira Wallace. \* The supper given by the choir Thursday was a success. \* Thomas Chambers' of 25th street is ill. \* W. W. Jones was taken to St. Joseph's hospital with pneumonia. \* Misses Lulu and Doris McKinney were ill last week.