

BRIEF NEWS FROM THE BUCKEYE STATE

Events in the Social World— Bright, Crisp Items from Cleveland—No News of Interest Is Overlooked by Our Regular Correspondent.

(By Alexander O. Taylor.)

Cleveland, O., Jan. 7.—Cleveland Afro-Americans turned out en masse Monday evening at the first meeting of the new City Council to pay homage to the first Afro-American city councilman in the history of the city in the person of Attorney Thomas W. Fleming. Councilman Fleming sent letters of invitation to his many constituents in the 11th ward and they responded most encouragingly indeed. He has also invited any who desire to meet him in his office, 3004 Central avenue, to confer upon matters of interest to the ward. He has promised to be "on the job" during his administration and we feel that he will since he possesses all the qualities essential to a successful public official. Mr. Fleming was delightfully entertained at luncheon at the Cleveland Athletic Club last week Monday by Mayor Harry L. Davis. The Defender extends to Councilman Fleming its best wishes for a creditable administration. • • • The Christmas meeting of the Minerva Reading Club last week Tuesday evening at the home of Miss Bertha Blue on E. 90th street, was a most pleasant affair. Among those participating were Miss Hazel Mountain, Miss Georgia Fields, Mrs. L. J. Price, and Miss Blue. Prizes were won by Misses Mamie and Genevieve Davis and Mrs. Inez Fairfax. Among the out-of-town guests present were Mrs. Dr. Hawkins of Xenia; Mrs. Moore, Alliance, the Misses Boulden, of Oil City, Pa., and Mrs. Amanda Taylor. • • • Messrs. George Hinton and Quinn Montgromery, delegates from the local chapter to the annual meeting of the Alpha Phi Alpha in Pittsburgh last week, returned Sunday reporting a very pleasant and profitable season. • • • Mr. Samuel Fielding of Chicago visited Mr. Brown Christmas week. • • • The Attucks Republican Club plected at its meeting Monday evening. Mr. Welcome T. Blue, president; J. Walter Wills and Dr. E. A. Dale, vice presidents, Mr. Hudson, secretary, and Sidney B. Thompson, sergeant-at-arms. It is authentically rumored that Mr. Thompson will receive the appointment as deputy oil inspector. • • • An organization to deal with matters pertaining to the race is being planned by such race champions as Attorneys Alexander F. Martin, R. R. Cheeks and Theodore B. Green, J. Walter Mills, John R. Robinson and S. E. Woods, who is temporary chairman. • • • Mrs. Wm. Nelson, Blaine avenue, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. A. Perry, New York City. Before returning she will also visit relatives in Jersey City and Washington. • • • Lieut. J. O. Thomas, field secretary of Tuskegee Institute, was in the city last week, the guest of Mr. Mitchell V. Scott, local representative. • • • Mr. Thompson Weir, 2203 E. 35th street, was able to leave St. Clair Hospital the first of the week after undergoing an operation upon his knee. Mr. W. Weir of Chicago was expected in the city Tuesday night to visit his brother. • • • The following named were holiday visitors in the city: Miss Ruth Freeman of Painesville, guest of Miss Helen Wright, E. 24th street; Miss Vivian Servis of Chicago, guest of Miss Ruth Wright, W. 35th st.; Misses Elsie and Ruth Bolden, Oil City, Pa., guest of their cousin, Mr. Howard Fields, 3511 Dunlap avenue; Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Fox, New Haven, Conn., guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Fox, Mt. Pleasant; Master Elwood Fullum, Ravenna, guest of his aunt, Mrs. L. W. Nickous, E. 76th st.; Miss Timbers, Windsor, Ont., guest of her sister, Mrs. Clarence Allen, 2323 E. 29th st.; Mrs. L. Hatcher, Springfield, guest of Miss Anna Hearn, 2523 Central avenue, and Mrs. R. B. Jackson, Youngstown, guest of her daughter, Mrs. Brady, Central avenue. • • • Among the sick during the past ten days were Miss Bessie Cook, organist of St. John's A. M. E. church; Mrs. Ida Owens, Arthur avenue; Mrs. Olla Wheatley, Woodland avenue; Mrs. P. W. Lemon, E. 55th street; Miss Bertha Sutton, E. 101st street; Mrs. T. J. Hicks, E. 7th street, and Mrs. Louis Dean, Orinora street. • • • Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Moore of Alliance, who visited Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Blue, Cedar avenue, during the holidays, returned home. • • • Mrs. Ida Cash, E. 36th street, has returned from Chicago where she spent her vacation with her cousin, Mrs. Sadie Cisco Bolden. Mrs. Cash is one of our most efficient school teachers. • • • The pastors of Antioch and Mt. Haven Baptist Churches have tendered their resignations. • • • Rev. E. H. Smith, pastor, is conducting a very successful revival service at Shiloh Baptist Church. • • • Revival meetings begin at St. John's A. M. E. Church Sunday. Rev. R. A. Adams, evangelist of Kansas City, Kans., will have charge of the services during the revival season. • • • Mrs. Ella White sustained a fracture of a shoulder bone in falling from a porch at her home on E. 36th street, last week. • • • Mrs. Frank Kitzmiller gave a very pleasant and successful madame dance New Year's day at Callaghan's hall for the benefit of the Old Folks Home. • • • The funeral of Mr. Cortez Hatcher, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Granville Hatcher, E. 36th street, took place from Antioch church Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Bailey officiating. The deceased, an exemplary character, was a member of the Boethian class of St. John's Sunday School. His parents and two brothers, Warren and George, are left to mourn his demise. J. W. Wills and Co., funeral directors. • • • John Robinson, 31 years old, 1924 Marion avenue, died at the city hospital, Dec. 29. Funeral services from Slaughter Bros. funeral parlors, Rev. B. W. Paxton officiating, the 4th inst. Interment East Cleveland cemetery. The body will be held in vault until the deceased's mother, a Mrs. Bell, in Chicago, can be located. Slaughter Bros., 3223 Central avenue. • • • Mr. William Fountaine, Cleveland's favorite cornetist and vocalist, left last Saturday for New York City having been engaged by Mr. Dunbar for the season on the Keith circuit. • • • Miss Hortense Mitchell of Oberlin spent her holiday vacation with Miss Ednah Haden, 9904 Cedar avenue. • • • The Topaz Cluster Embroidery Club met with Mrs. Walter Isom, 2312 E. 90th street, Friday evening. The following are the officers for the ensuing year: Mrs. Harry Jones, president; Mrs. H. S. Slaughter, secretary; Mrs. Edward Noble, treasurer. • • • Mr. George Sisco, 2352 Central avenue, is general utility man for the Matthew Smith Tea, Coffee and Grocery Company. He is also clerk at their branch store, 3412 Central avenue. • • • Mr. Harry Walker has been promoted to a foremanship by the American Steel and Wire Co. The dance given by the "Pullman boys," Messrs. W. A. Askins, W. C. Calhoun, J. E. Scott, J. Ebron and J. S. Thomas, at Halthorth's hall recently was a very pleasant affair. • • • The Fisk Jubilee Singers gave a splendid concert at St. John's Church last Sunday afternoon. They also sang at Mr. Innes' funeral, Mrs. Innes being one of the original Fisk singers. • • • A pleasant party was given at Miss Hazel Mountain's last week Thursday evening. • • • Mr. Herbert Turner visited relatives in Columbus and Zanesville during the holidays. • • • Mr. and Mrs. Walter Isom's New Year's eve party at their home, 2312 E. 90th street, was a most enjoyable affair. Among those present were the Misses Early, Misses Dyson, Dr. Z. Green, Miss Barks, Miss Malzarine Hamlet and sister Miss McCoy, Miss Harriet Underwood, Miss Phillips, Mrs. Russell, Messrs. J. S. Thomas, Thomas Harris, Wm. Jones, Reynolds, Hodges, Brown, and M. Isom. Mr. and Mrs. Isom are noted as entertainers. • • • Miss Revilla Green of Avilla visited her sister, Miss Lillah, 66th and Euclid, New Year's day. Mrs. Mary C. Yates, 7918 Cory avenue, was to return this week from the city. • • • Mrs. Harry Jones, Mrs. Kitzmiller, Mrs. F. S. Slaughter, Edward Noble entertained most of a New Year's eve party at Kitzmiller's, 1850 Superior avenue. The people were very much enjoying Cleveland.

ist. He thoroughly captivated his hearers and it was gratifying to see a crowded house present to welcome a favorite product of the Sixth City. Mr. Jones is a member of the Conservatory orchestra. • • • The annual dance of the Wistaria Club at Callaghan's hall last week Monday evening was a social triumph. The following are the members of the Club: Miss Eleanor Alexander, president; Mrs. Charles Smith, Mrs. John P. Green, Mrs. H. B. Hodges, Mrs. H. T. Eubanks, Mrs. Joseph Seelig, Mrs. Louis Chestnutt, Mrs. Edward Daw, Mrs. Jesse Firse, Mrs. Charles Leatherman, Mrs. Geo. A. Myers, Mrs. R. R. Cheeks, Mrs. J. E. Reed, Mrs. Charles Jackson, Mrs. John Cousins, Mrs. Walter B. Wright, Misses Laura and Willa Shook.

Springfield, O., Jan. 7.—Mr. and Mrs. William Motley are home after spending Christmas with John Motley at Dayton. • • • Mrs. Walter Crosby is home after spending the holidays at Columbus with her mother Mrs. Lucas. • • • Mr. and Mrs. McKantz Archer of Xenia was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Cash Depp. • • • Mrs. Cassie White and son, Plequa, was the guest of her brother James Nelson. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Johnson, 222 East Euclid avenue, entertained Sunday in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Crolla, Dayton. Covers were laid for twelve. • • • Mr. and Mrs. Walter Crosby entertained Christmas at their home. • • • Mrs. James Saunders returned to her home in Marion, Ind., after a visit to her daughter, Mrs. George Elliot of Huxton avenue. • • • George Martin, Chicago, Ill., is a visitor here. • • • Dr. and Mrs. Vaughn spent Sunday as the guest of Mrs. Vaughn's brother, Lemuel Barnett. • • • Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hunley, Dayton, is visiting her parents. • • • Dr. and Mrs. Darnell are the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Parnell.

By N. C. Hawkins.

Sekitan, Ohio, Jan. 7.—The future patronage of the Defender is assured. More than one hundred customers have agreed to make committees of themselves and work for the paper for ninety days. • • • Mrs. Harriett McCowan is the guest of her daughter Mrs. Maggie Curry of 575 Indiana avenue, Chicago, accompanied by her grandson, Carroll Linsey. • • • Mr. C. P. Foster presented Rev. Geo. Lewis with a duck for Christmas dinner, besides a box of cigars. • • • The New Year social given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gaines Friday evening in honor of their son was a delightful affair. • • • Miss Rowena R. Frisco is recuperating after a week's illness. • • • Mrs. Mary Wallace was the guest of friends in the city Tuesday. • • • Mr. M. C. Lucas of Springfield spent the holidays with his wife Mrs. Alice, who has been quite ill at the home of her mother Mrs. Matilda Davis. • • • Rev. R. Neal was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson of Northbend, Christmas. • • • The Baptist Church S. S. begins the New Year with an increase in scholars. • • • The advent of 1916 brings to our village the administration of a new mayor. • • • The Baptist church is having a thorough cleaning. • • • Miss Marie Green and Mr. Wm. Knight were quietly married in Cincinnati last week. • • • Mrs. M. E. Payne is arranging to attend a meeting of the U. K. & L. of H. of W. at Rising Sun, Indiana. • • • Mr. Thomas Dudley of Walnut Hill was here on business Sunday. • • • The Defender reporter will receive notes until 12 o'clock Monday each week. Notes received at H. Pillow's grocery will receive prompt attention. • • • The Calenders which are being presented to the public by the F. M. B. Association of Cincinnati are real productions of race achievements and gems of art. • • • Miss Lillie Graham, the Defender writer of Clevelo, remains in the Branch hospital, Cincinnati. It is rumored that she is recuperating. • • • Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Pillow entertained with a turkey dinner Christmas. Many guests were present. • • • Miss Naomi Neal will represent the Defender at the Baptist church. • • • Mr. N. E. Hawkins is making close canvas to secure five hundred weekly sales for the Defender. • • • During the holidays many notable social functions were given in the village to visiting friends. • • • Mr. and Mrs. Williams entertained with a candy pulling Tuesday evening in honor of their brother Walter Brooks of Springfield, Ohio. Many guests were present.

By C. P. Foster.

Dwight, Ohio, Jan. 7.—The New Year reunion held at the Baptist church Saturday was a success. A sumptuous dinner was served free to the public and more than a hundred dined at this occasion. • • • Mr. C. Childres of Lawrenceburg, Ind., was the guest of his mother Mrs. H. Smith, Tuesday. • • • Mr. Henry Smith spent the holidays visiting friends and relatives at Indianapolis, Ind. • • • Mr. Alfred Lenard was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Rush, Sunday. • • • Miss Annabell & Robert Hedges of Francisville, Ky., are spending a few days with their aunt Mrs. Joseph Thomas. • • • Mrs. Matthew Childres entertained Sunday Mr. Alonzo Parker of Lawrenceburg, Ind., and Mr. Brack Dudley of Saylor Park. • • • Mr. Robert Lenard of Indianapolis is spending a few days with his daughter Mrs. Robert Graves. • • • Rev. W. H. Fields will preach Sunday morning in the absence of Rev. Geo. Lewis, pastor, who will fill an engagement at Bulletttsville, Ky. • • • Mr. Herbert Morton returned home Sunday after having spent a week among friends and relatives. His itinerary included St. Louis, Chicago, and Indianapolis, Ind. • • • The Baptist Church choir will resume active service. • • • The house party given by Mr. and Mrs. J. Harvey was an enjoyable affair. • • • Mrs. C. Murphy and Miss Hattie Ellis were called to Sekitan Sunday on account of the illness of Mrs. Cordelia Smith. • • • The Sunday School superintendent desires to have the parents and their children to the Sunday School; teachers are much needed in the effort to do good work.

By Thomas Lewis.

Bellefontaine, Ohio, Jan. 7.—Mr. Harry Roberts and Chester Johnson were guests of Miss Ines and Margaret Jackson over Sunday. • • • Mr. John Berkeley and wife of Cleveland have been visiting his brother Edward of this city. • • • Mr. Willy Stewart, a famous boy spent a short time in this city while passing through. • • • Mr. James Clark, our plumber and all around mechanic has been confined to his home for a week with la grippe. There is almost an epidemic of the disease in this town. • • • The first Sunday in January brought our second quarterly meeting. The attendance was good. In the evening Rev. John Collins preached a great sermon to a fine congregation. His text was from Isaiah 26:3. He is constantly growing in favor as presiding elder.

By Oscar W. Price.

Xenia, Ohio, Jan. 7.—Miss Gladys Scott has returned to the University of Illinois after a delightful visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Scott of East Main street. • • • The real high class vaudeville presented at the opera house Friday, Dec. 24, under the personal direction of Oscar Price and J. Arthur Conley was a grand success. • • • Misses Mamie Belle and Anna Watkins of Athens, Ohio, have been the guests of Mrs. James Knight. • • • Mrs. Mollie Evans of Detroit, Michigan, is the guest of Mrs. Lloyd Clard of East Main street. • • • Mr. John Leslie Towels, a well known theatrical performer is visiting his mother, Mrs. Lucy Towles of East Second street. • • • The following well known people died during the month of December: Joseph Johnson, Mrs. Fannie Bowen, Sanford Young and Wm. Penn. • • • Messrs. Clarence Lindsay and Harris Laudman have returned to Ohio State University after a delightful vacation. • • • Prof. E. LeRoy Harris has returned to Louisville, Ky. • • • Miss Arabella Smith, Owensboro, Ky., spent the holidays with her mother. • • • The marriage of Miss Velma Shields and Mr. Carl Faut was solemnized Wednesday evening, December 22, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Shields. The young couple left for Pulaski, the home of the groom's parents to spend two weeks. • • • O. B. Lewis of and Embalming School is no longer in the undertal. The Maple Leaf Club gave t dance of the year. • • • It was a fine affair and w. t dance of the year. • • • ns, of Louisville, Ky., is city. • • • Mr. and Mrs. Cincinnati are the guests of of East Main L. Lane