

THE BUCKEYE STATE

By Alexander O. Taylor.
Cleveland, O., Oct. 18.—Miss Grace Cousins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Cousins, East 115th street, left Tuesday for Washington, D. C., to resume her studies at Howard University. * Mrs. E. E. Peterson, general secretary of the W. C. T. U., spoke interestingly at Tridstone Baptist and St. Johns A. M. E. Churches Sunday afternoon and evening respectively. She was the guest of Mrs. Leroy J. Price while in the city. * George Johnson resumed his position as clerk in the Cleveland post-office last week. * Mrs. Mary Turner, member of Queen Elizabeth Temple, died Saturday. * Dr. R. S. Stout, secretary of the Church Extension Board of the C. M. E. Church, preached a soul-stirring sermon at John's Church Sunday morning. Rev. J. S. Jackson, pastor, returned from his vacation a week ahead of time feeling it his duty to be at his post during the influenza epidemic. He read several admonitory communications from the health department. * Mrs. Mildred Gants, the popular daughter of Mrs. Henrietta Braggs, and subscriber of the Defender, gave a delightful surprise dinner in honor of her mother's birthday last week Tuesday afternoon. Covers were laid for twelve and decorations were patriotic colors. * Mrs. E. Mildred Thrower, wife of Sergt. Jesse Thrower, returned Wednesday from Chicago, where she was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Mattie Slaughter, 4314 Langley avenue. On Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. Archie L. Weaver, 4234 Evans avenue, Chicago, gave a dinner in her honor, sixty guests attending. The evening was pleasantly spent in music. The orchestra from Turner Memorial A. M. E. Sunday School of which Mr. Turner is superintendent, furnished several numbers. * Harry T. Ford, the peerless bugle and cornet imitator, and Howard Carey, the dramatic reader, are making preparations to team in their new act for vaudeville. * Miss Minnie Black, Carroll, O., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. T. J. Hicks, East 7th street. * Mrs. Osceola Manson Letcher was the happy recipient of a letter from her husband, Leroy Letcher, recently promoted to corporal in Co. H, 272d Infantry, now in France. He reports little sickness and few casualties in old Co. D of the 9th Battalion. * J. Walter Willis, Jr., is recovering from an attack of influenza at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich. * Messrs. Curtis Jones and Marshall Smith, 3612 Central avenue, are convalescent victims of Spanish "flu." * Richard Cheatham the popular athlete, and John Edwards, baritone singer, have entered the entertaining business. Mr. Cheatham is pianist of the team. * Miss Alta Moss and Mrs. Harris of East 105th street, attended the Congregational state meeting in Elyria last week, representing Mt. Zion Sunday School and Missionary Society respectively. Mrs. A. Lewis, East 27th street, also attended. * Angus Arrington has been promoted to supply clerk at Camp Sherman. * Mrs. Lottie Stewart was hostess to the Literary, Social and Charity Club Tuesday. The club is grateful to its friends for \$50 cleared from the recent social at the residence of Mrs. Mildred Wise. The proceeds will go toward placing an old gentleman in the Old Folks' Home. * Mrs. Grace Willis Thompson is meeting with splendid success as directress of East Mt. Zion Baptist choir. * The Mothers' Club of St. John's Church entertained Monday evening for Mrs. Eugene Adams, who leaves for the West this week. * Mrs. Beatrice Hubbard Gaines, formerly of the Hollenden Hotel Barber shop, has opened beautiful manicure and chiropody rooms in the Republic Building. * Mrs. Mabel Biggs, the popular piano and organ teacher, is reported confined to her home with a broken wrist sustained in an auto accident. * Mrs. Walter B. Wright, West 35th street, received several interesting letters from her brother, Capt. Lewis E. Johnson, with the old Eighth Illinois, now in France. * The following officers were elected to serve the Cleve-

land Home for Aged Colored People for the ensuing year: Mrs. Lethia C. Fleming, president; Mrs. Carrie A. Blue, vice president; Miss Emma T. Williams, second vice president; Miss Bertha J. Blue, secretary; Mrs. I. Smith, assistant secretary; Mrs. Cornelia Nickens, financial secretary; Mrs. Marie T. Perkins, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Ida Cash, treasurer; trustees for the four-year term, Councilman T. W. Fleming, J. H. Morton, D. J. Dammond, Mrs. George Jones and Miss Emma Williams; Mrs. T. J. Hicks, chairman board of lady managers. Don't forget the annual in-gathering of the Home Thursday, Oct. 24. * Charles Waldon, 3516 Central avenue, is making such progress at the Warrensville sanitarium that he hopes to spend the winter with his wife. * Oscar B. Moss visited Steve Freeman, Palmsville, last week. Guests at his Central Hotel last week were: Jessa Conwell and Wm. Skinner, Dayton, Ga.; E. W. Smith, Duluth, Minn.; Wm. Cooper, Cadiz, O.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith, Detroit; Albert Williams, Chicago; A. W. Banks, Minneapolis, Minn.; Charles Allen, Youngstown; Miss Margaret Taylor, Indianapolis; Stanley Walker, Indianapolis, Ind.; Sanford Davis, New London, O.; Clyde Jenkins, Oil City, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hunt, Toledo; Charles Allen, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Rev. A. E. Rodgers, Independence, Kans.; Wm. Evans, Cincinnati; William Berry, Chicago; J. H. Doleson, Canton; C. A. Hackson, Erie, Pa. The Defender can always be found on sale at the Central Hotel. * Friends of Archie Gambrell, a promising young man who left with the last contingent of draftees for Camp Sherman, were pained to learn of his unexpected death from the Spanish influenza at the camp base hospital a few days ago. His body was shipped to his home in the South. The deceased was a former employe in Ollie Hamilton's barber shop and before being called to serve his country was an auto mechanic. * Corporal William E. Askins returned from Camp Sherman last week with a discharge from further honorable service in the United States Army on account of physical disability. He took charge of his haberdashery on Central avenue, so successfully managed by his wife during his absence. * Earl Parker, popular member of the Caterers' Association, left for Los Angeles, Cal., last week to join his family. * Mrs. Venerable, 2314 East 23d street, was hostess to the Vashiti class of St. John's S. S., Friday evening. Mrs. Elliott conducted "Current Events." * Mrs. Emma Roots, 5298 Harlem avenue, was hostess to the Women's Mite Missionary Society of St. John's Church Monday evening. * Miss Della Cochran returned to Springfield, O., Friday, after a delightful visit in the city as guest of Misses Gertrude Land and Allie Collins of East 25th place. Mrs. Jessie Minor, Detroit, Mich., spent Sunday with Misses Land and Collins. * John Stowers is very ill at his home on East 20th street. He was carried to Shish Church in an invalid coach and baptized. * Mr. Cousins, father of Mrs. T. W. Fleming, returned to his home in Tazewell, Va. * Rev. J. D. Skelton, district superintendent, will hold quarterly meeting services at Cory Church Sunday. * A "Fraternal League" has been formed by our secret societies of the city, the purpose of which is to become more closely affiliated. * Hermion Court of Calanthe, No. 41, moved from Elks' Hall to East 38th street and Scoville avenue. Meetings second and fourth Thursdays. * Travis Cousins, brother of Mrs. T. W. Fleming, entered Baldwin-Wallace University at Berea, O., last week. * Miss Carrie Craig, East 96th street, who underwent an operation at St. Luke's Hospital, is improving rapidly. * The Optimistic Club will give a Halloween party at Mrs. Waddell's, East 33th street and Woodland avenue. * Some of our most prominent young ladies organized the "Soldiers' Aides" for the purpose of raising funds to purchase a piano or pianola for the Hostess House at Camp Sherman. The officers are: Miss Inez M. Richardson,

president; Miss Olive Hale, vice president; Miss Mabel Early, secretary; Miss Madeline Taylor, corresponding secretary; Miss Cyrene Allen, treasurer; Mrs. Lucia M. Chinn was chairman of the first meeting held at Mt. Zion Congregational Church. Among the Cleveland artists who were to contribute their talent were Mesdames Rachel Walker Turner, Kittie Skeene Mitchell and Grace Willis Thompson, vocal soloists; and Miss Thelma Taylor, violinist. * Members and friends of St. James A. M. E. Church, Hudson avenue, gave their pastor, Rev. Childress, who has returned for another year, a reception Saturday evening. His wife visited her mother in Akron enroute from the conference at Dayton. * The Cleveland Association of Colored Men will hold its future meetings in Elks' Hall first and third Thursday nights of the month. The N. A. A. C. P. will hold its meetings in the same hall hereafter, it is said. * Mrs. Herman Morris, 190 Clinton street, Buffalo, friend of Mrs. Mary Jackson of Central avenue, this city, writes she is improving rapidly. * Antioch choir under the directorship of its chorister, Miss Gertrude Land, rendered special music at Mt. Haven Church Sunday afternoon. * J. W. Willis & Co. report the death of John Weems, 502 Hill avenue, prominent in Elk and Masonic circles. He was 53 years old. * Mrs. William Mason, 2506 East 30th street, had as a guest her sister, Mrs. Georgia F. Sebastian, Battle Creek, Mich. Among those who entertained for her were Mr. and Mrs. Larkins, 4410 Central avenue, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gregory, 2214 East 46th street. * The Stove League football team and the Zeta Frata Zeta team played an exciting game at Gordon Park Sunday afternoon. Ernie Jackson, Albert Carr, John Ford and "Bill" Turner were the stars for the former and Bob Smith, Leonard Smith and Gaskin starred for the latter. Full details in next issue.

Charles E. Hall Visits City.
Charles E. Hall, supervisor of Negro economies of the department of labor, Washington, D. C., was here on business last week, stopping at "The Geraldine." Mr. and Mrs. William Owens are proprietors of this popular hostelry on East 40th street. * Wilbur Morgan, brother of Garrett Morgan, proprietor of the G. A. Morgan Hair Refining Co., after many years of railroading, accepted a clerkship in the Chicago post-office recently. * Mrs. Ethel Jones, 14517 Arthur avenue, was hostess to the Ladies' Aid of Antioch Church Tuesday. * Rev. George LeGrand Smith, secretary of the Congregational Union, preached at Mt. Zion Sunday morning. * Mrs. George Hodges returned to Chicago Thursday after a pleasant visit with her sons, Robert E. and Edgar Hodges. * A striking feature of the recent liberty loan parade was the Cleveland Hardware Company's section in charge of Robert B. Hodges in which 200 white and 150 Colored girls marched side by side, displaying a complete absence of race distinction. A mammoth United States flag was carried by girls of both races, arranged alternately, showing that a spirit of true democracy prevails at the plant. * Up until last Sunday William P. Connors, secretary of the Negro Welfare League, in charge of the Liberty Loan campaign in Ward 2, had reported over \$108,000 in subscriptions, which was a splendid showing. Mr. Connors has proven a "live wire" in the community.

Painesville, Ohio, Oct. 18.—Rev. Vernon Johns, pastor of the Union Congregational Church, left the early part of the week for Darling Heights, Va., to visit his mother. * Miss Mary Bethel entertained at supper Tuesday evening Mrs. W. B. Taylor and son, Misses Ruby Snowden and Madeline Lacy of Clarksburg, W. Va. * Mrs. Lucia Gordon and daughter and Miss Mary Bethel were in Ashtabula and Geneva on Wednesday. * The Ladies' Social Club met with Mrs. Viola Taylor Thursday afternoon. * Mrs. Eliza Woolen, Cleveland, spent the week-end here. * Miss Mary Bethel left Thurs-

day to spend the winter in Cleveland. * Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Quit Johnson and Mrs. Jessie Johnson motored here Saturday from Andover, Ohio, and spent Sunday with Mrs. Sara Whiting. * Mrs. Lydia Christy and Mr. George Livingston have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Levi Livingston in Cleveland. * Mrs. May Gordon left during the week to visit in Clarksburg, W. Va.

Springfield, O., Oct. 18.—Up to Monday night, Oct. 7, in actual cash and \$1,700 in pledges had been collected in the campaign for the drive of \$3,500 now in progress by the Center Street Y. M. C. A. The campaign will close Oct. 27. Captain John Rudd and John White, with collections to their credit of \$576, have the highest totals. Mrs. Helen Emerson is second with \$104. A meeting in the interest of the campaign was held Sunday afternoon. H. S. Dunbar of Cincinnati and Charles Frye of Camp Sherman were the speakers. Mr. Frye is a former secretary of the local Y. M. C. A. and is now serving in a like capacity at the cantonment. A musical program was given by the Y. M. C. A. Band, interspersed by vocal selections by the North Street A. M. E. choir. * Alonzo Moriya died Tuesday morning, Oct. 8 at 4 o'clock, at his home, 510 Mount Vernon avenue. He was a member of the Trinity A. M. E. Church. Besides his wife, he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Daniel Butler and Mrs. Mary E. Smith, and one niece, Mildred Jackson of Chicago. * Foster Speaker of Chicago was a guest of relatives the past week. * Mr. and Mrs. Winslow of South Charleston were guests of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Winslow of Murry street the past week. * The Williams Singers of Chicago sang at Memorial Hall Oct. 8 under the auspices of Trinity A. M. E. Church and were well received, as usual. Wiley M. E. Church has a lady evangelist who has been conducting services the past week. * Mother Warfield, who has been sick at the hospital, is improving. * Walter Mitchell of South Charleston was in the city Thursday, Oct. 10. * Mount Olive Chapter No. 4 conferred the Mark Master Degree on a class of thirteen members Tuesday evening, Oct. 8. * Mr. M. H. Vaughn of Snow Hill is sick. * Mr. and Mrs. Johnson of Detroit, Mich., were the guests of Mrs. Singleton of West State street the past week. * Mr. and Mrs. J. Johnson entertained for Mr. and Mrs. Johnson of Michigan. * Mrs. Sadie Nelly of Pasadena, Cal., is visiting friends in Springfield, O.

Sketon, Ohio, Oct. 18.—The Aid society of the First Baptist church has formulated plans for the annual meeting. Mrs. S. H. Pillon will deliver the annual address, Rev. S. E. Devaugh an annual sermon, Mrs. D. Devaugh an essay, Mrs. Naomi Banks a solo, N. C. Hawkins an address of welcome. Mrs. Cordella Smith will be mistress of ceremonies. Other noted characters, including Mrs. V. C. Williams, Rev. O. Lucas and Mrs. Rosie Banks will participate in the program. * Rev. Oscar Lucas was ordained last Thursday with an average of 84. Dr. Locust, Dr. Fleming, Dr. Moore and Dr. Hoard formed the council. * Owing to the epidemic all the churches and motion picture shows have been ordered closed indefinitely. * John Brook returned home Tuesday. He had been attending his sick son. * Sham Bryant died at his home, Saylor Park, O., Friday. Funeral was held Monday. * Rev. S. E. Hoard is the guest of his parents at Walton, Ky. * "Queen Esther" will be produced at the town hall at an early date. Fifty characters are connected. Mrs. B. Johnson, Rev. Hoard and Prof. Shirley Hawkins are directors. * Amelia Howard and Mrs. V. C. Williams are ill. * Nathan Arnold was injured at the U. S. C. I. P. Foundry Co. last week. * Mrs. Carrie Cherin is improving. * America Allen and Ben Foster are improving. * The influenza epidemic cases are in a mild form to date. No deaths are reported by Dr. J. B. Hannah, health officer. * Rothschild Williams, employed at the U. S. I. P. & Fdy. Co., had his left arm broken Saturday at 2:30 p. m. * N. C. Hawkins, Defender correspondent, has taken charge of the J. E. McBrady & Co. toilet goods agency interests in Ohio.

Lockland, O., Oct. 18.—Word was received from Sergeant C. S. Stark "over there" that he held the highest average in a recent examination for a commissioned officer. * Mr. and Mrs. Jake Lane spent Sunday in Batavia. * Mrs. Walter Davis was on Wednesday evening guest of Mrs. Davis of Oak street. * Mrs. Ike Palmer Ewing and Mrs. Davis were guests of Mrs. Walter. * Mrs. Coleman of Pendry avenue, who has been ill, is able to be about. * Mr. and Mrs. Luke East entertained Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Wilson Friday evening, their fifth wedding anniversary. * Mrs. Carrie Burns, who has been ill, is getting along nicely. * Miss Rachel McDonald is ill. * Mr. and Mrs. Al Willis had as their week-end guests Mr. and Mrs. O. Walker, Richmond, Ky. * Miss Almeda Broaders was entertained by Mrs. Thomas Collins Friday evening. * All people that owed Mr. Brown, please pay Mr. Murray, as he has bought same. * Mr. and Mrs. Thomas East, Avondale, was guest of their son, Gilbert, Sunday. * Please don't allow your papers to run over two weeks. * James Miller is at Wilberforce University.—By Thomas E. Murray, agent.

Fostoria, Ohio, Oct. 18.—Eugene Shepard, Chicago, was a visitor at the Anderson home for several days. * The Willing Workers' Society gave a "garden roof social" at the home of Mrs. Wilders Tuesday night. * The first lesson in the teachers' training course taught by Rev. Forrest Mitchell was given Monday night at Luther Tyler's, superintendent Sunday school. * Misses Minnie Dyer and Vivian Adams, Findlay, were visitors last Sunday. * Mrs. Luther Anderson, son and daughter, Harold and Juanita, are sick with the influenza. * Mr. White was sick. * Sylvester Ream, Lima, was a Sunday visitor. * Phil A. Jones, busless manager Chicago Defender, spent a few hours in the city Sunday. * Mrs. Frank Samuels visited friends at Columbus several days. * Mrs. William Roberts received word that her son, Vern, and son-in-law, Ross Marshall, arrived overseas safely.

Newark, O., Oct. 18.—Miss Geo. Monday is visiting Detroit, Mich. * Napoleon Love, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harry Toney, returned to his home in Zanesville. * The Home of Mrs. Esther White has been saddened again. Just a few months ago she lost her husband. Monday her niece, Grace Montgomery, was buried from her home. Her eldest son, Earl, died of Spanish influenza at Camp Sherman. The funeral was held from her home Monday. Other members of the family are sick. * Get the Chicago Defender at 8 West Church street. * Etta Shackelford is visiting in Granville. * Rev. S. A. Chase spent a few days as the guest of Rev. Hicks. * Wm. Jackson was in Wheeling, W. Va., Wednesday. * The patriotic dance given for the boys over there was a success.

Jamestown, O., Oct. 18.—Mrs. Estella Worthington and Mrs. Rosa Hough returned from St. Elizabeth Hospital, Dayton, and are convalescing nicely. * Prof. Arthur Taylor of Xenia schools, is greeting relatives and friends the first of the week. * Private Harry Rockhold of Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, died last Thursday of pneumonia. His body was escorted here by Corporal C. H. Gibbs. * Miss Dorothy Bell, teacher of Adams street school, is sick.

Greenfield, Ohio, Oct. 18.—Miss Josephine Dent of Hillsboro, O., returned home after a two weeks' visit with her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Dent. * Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Dent and daughter, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Allen Trimble of Hillsboro.