

# THE BUCKEYE STATE

By Alexander O. Taylor

Cleveland, O., May 17.—At a business meeting of the senior department teachers of St. John's A. M. E. Sunday school held at the residence of Mrs. Grace Willis Thompson, superintendent, the following officers were elected: President, Attorney John Ballard; vice president, Miss Venessa Washington; secretary, Miss Clements; treasurer, Mrs. Brett Stewart; sick committee, Hooker Page; entertainment committee, Chester Gillespie, chairman. The department gave a party May 17. \* Mrs. Belle Smoot, superintendent of Branch No. 2, Christian Missionary Alliance, accompanied by Mesdames Kittie Bolden and Carrie Merriweather, attended the meeting of the C. M. A. Council in New York city this week. Mrs. Bolden will visit her son who is attending an eastern college before returning home. \* Mrs. Cora Brock and Miss Ida Beaumont visited the latter's mother in Mansfield the first of the week. \* Mrs. Byron B. Johnston, 2251 E. 50th street, left Tuesday to visit her mother, Mrs. Lawrie, and sister, Mrs. Oliver, St. Joseph, Mo. Both were Cleveland visitors last summer. \* The Doric Masonic club moves into its new quarters, E. 55th street and Central avenue, next to the Jewish synagogue, May 20. The property is being purchased by Eureka Lodge, P. and A. M. \* J. Trimble, 11725 Detroit avenue, Lakewood, left Saturday for a few days' visit in Louisville, Ky. Mr. Trimble is the owner of three prosperous barber shops here. \* Mrs. J. E. Fountain, wife of Col. Fountain, visited her son, William Fountain, who was in Columbus last week with the Smarter Set. \* The baby of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crowler died last week from double pneumonia. Both are active workers in the different departments of St. John's church and have the sympathy of the Defender. \* Mrs. Clarence Williams, formerly Miss Clara Deaver, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Lealand, St. Paul, Minn. She visited Mrs. Clara Morris Wilson, wife of Attorney Wilson, Chicago, en route. \* Rev. B. K. Smith, pastor of East Mt. Zion Baptist church, officiated at the funeral of a friend, Deacon Calvin Reed, at Oberlin. \* Mr. and Mrs. William McIntyre have moved into their beautiful home on E. 55th street. \* Sunday was quarterly meeting day at Cory M. E. church. Rev. D. E. Skelton preached a soul-stirring sermon and administered the Lord's Supper in the morning, assisted by the pastor, Rev. P. O'Connell. Mother's Day was fittingly observed by the S. S. \* The Social Workers' Club of East Mt. Zion Baptist church held a splendid meeting at the home of Mrs. Mildred Foster, 2230 E. 27th street, May 7. \* Mrs. McKenzie, 2315 E. 30th street, was hostess to the Optimistic Club last week Wednesday. Next meeting at Mrs. Franklin's, 2117 E. 13rd street, May 22. \* Mother's Day was observed at Antioch Baptist church in a fitting manner. Mrs. Gertrude Land, directress of the choir, sang effectively a solo, "My Mother's Prayer." \* The Congressional Women's Association was organized last week Wednesday at Mt. Zion Congregational church with Mrs. Rachel Walker Turner as president, Mrs. Fannie Shook Suggs, vice president and Mrs. W. H. Chaney, secretary. Mrs. Hattie Fairfax deserves praise for as-

suming the initiative in the movement. \* Mrs. Lella Brooks, 3210 Scovill avenue, returned from a pleasant visit in Pittsburgh. \* Corp. Lucien Hancock, Camp Sherman, was here last week, accompanying an invalid soldier from the camp hospital. Corporal Hancock, who was assigned to the duty of escorting invalid soldiers (selects) to their homes, has made an enviable record for promptness in reporting after each mission.

## Ladies' Minstrels a Success

The Ladies' Minstrel show under the auspices of the Autumn Leaf Culture Club at Engineers' hall for the benefit of the hose furnishing committee of the Phillips Wheatley Association was an artistic and financial success. The cast of characters was as follows: Mrs. Smoot, Mrs. Lethia B. Fleming; Mr. Short, Helen Montgomery; Mr. Quick, Maud Lawson; Mr. Nightingale, Mary Martin; Mr. Frolle, Pearl Hines; Mr. Slick, Ethel Burrows; Mr. Chittlings, Susie Fleming; Pork Chops, Ethel Lyons; Hot Stuff, Florence Robinson; Seasonhead, Rose Stowers; Sambo, Daisy Bass; Friskie, Kate G. Russell; Mr. Delight, Alice B. Howard; Mr. Shy, Beulah Terrell; Mr. Good, Eva Muse; Mr. Noise, Florence Shaw; Mr. True, Rebecca Minor; Mr. Love, Beatrice Harris; Mr. Deenheart, Abbie Hutchinson; Mr. Long, Ida M. West; Mr. Sphiny, Winifred Reed; Mr. Dolly, Bessie Randolph; Mr. Right, Lydia McFarland; Mr. Stepper, Fayette Mercer; Mr. Little, Freda Early; Mr. Thrills, Irene Dillard; Mr. Dots, Hattie Smith; Reginald Ryan, our original monologist, and Howard Carey, the dramatic reader, contributed heavy support to the evening's program as well as Mrs. Ruth McFarland Taylor, our popular soprano, who rendered several beautiful numbers. Mrs. Abbie Hutchinson as "Liberty" and Mrs. Fleming as "Uncle Sam" in the patriotic review and little Thelma Cowan, who won popular favor also in the patriotic pageant several weeks ago at Grays' Armory by her graceful rendition of the "Flower Dance" and the "Hula-Hula" dance, were artistic features of the program. E. M. McIntyre as musical director, Mrs. Dimple Ferguson as pianist, Walter A. Henderson as stage manager, and Mrs. Lethia Fleming as chairman of the committee of arrangements, deserve unstinted praise for the success of the affair. The next entertainment for the benefit of the P. W. A. will be a mammoth charity ball at Zimmerman's Academy, May 20, under the auspices of the L. U. B. F., the Young Men's Auxiliary and the Citizens' Committee. Most all the churches lifted special collections for the P. W. A. Sunday. \* Here are the officers of the Crispus Attucks auxiliary of the Red Cross organized at the home of Mrs. Marie T. Perkins last week: Mrs. Perkins, chairman; Mrs. Julia Banks, secretary; Mrs. Ella White, treasurer. \* J. W. Wells & Co. report the following deaths: Mrs. Luther Thomas, 2520 E. 33rd street, remains shipped to Alabama; Mrs. Henrietta Walker, 40, shipped to Memphis, Tenn.; Anna Lee Benford, 40, E. 126th street. \* N. B. Fort, chef on one of the D. & C. boats, was here last week at Moss' Central Hotel recruiting cooks and waiters for service on the lakes. Other guests at the hotel were: William Berry and Charlie Drayton, Chicago, of W. H.

Hahn's quartette which made such a decided hit at the Hippodrome last week; Mrs. May Litcher, Letonia, N. J.; C. Manes, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. Gable Adams, New York city; L. W. Fielding, New Castle, Pa.; John Scofield and Sam Hartley, Medina, Ohio. \* The following out-of-town Odd Fellows and ladies of the Household of Ruth were at the Central hotel Sunday as guests of Col. J. B. Reed, A. T. Abbott and Ed. Daw, members of Charles Sumner Lodge; Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Anderson, Matt Johnson, James Alexander, John Shadd and Harry Cummins, all of Sandusky, Ohio; Mrs. Fannie Williams, Cairo, Ill., and J. E. Munson, Lima, Ohio, special guest of Col. Reed. A sumptuous dinner was served the guests. In spite of the rain the annual thanksgiving services of Charles Sumner and Booker T. Washington Lodges, G. U. O. of O. F., at Cory M. E. church Sunday afternoon was a success. Two white bands acted as escorts to and from the church. It is said that the Odd Fellows secured the two white bands for \$100 because our bands refused to play for less than \$175. \* Sick list: Mrs. Jesse Carey, E. 29th street; Henry Taylor, improving slowly as well as Mrs. Annabel Tucker and Dr. George Turner; Miss Flossie Douglas still seriously ill with pneumonia at Huron Road hospital; Samuel Ward, one of our pioneer citizens; Mrs. John (Annie) Mann; Mrs. Amanda Thomas, E. 30th street; Director Jackson, of Jackson's Military Band, recovering from a fractured rib.

## John A. Johnson Wins Honors

The Cleveland correspondent was pleased last week to read a splendid article (clipping) from a Flushing, N. Y., newspaper, written by John A. Johnson, serving as oiler on the U. S. steamer Wakiva, in which he denounced certain southern newspapers for claiming our people in the South as disloyal. Mr. Johnson is a native of Flushing and was a resident of Cleveland until he entered the U. S. steamer service. His wife is Mrs. Lela Allen Johnson, 3012 Central avenue. He enlisted in the U. S. Navy in May, 1900. Served in the Philippine campaign; at Vera Cruz in 1914; at Hayti in 1915; at San Domingo in 1916; and is now serving in France. Two of his chums were lost on the Alcedo when it was sunk. He has seen active service in several engagements with enemy ships. Aug. 25, 1916, he was presented with an honorable discharge button for splendid service on the U. S. S. Prairie. He also won a good conduct bar from the U. S. Navy department. He afterwards enlisted in 1917 at Monte Cristo and was assigned for duty on U. S. S. Ohio at the Philadelphia navy yards. \* Charles Jordan, Engineers' Corps, 317, Co. E, Camp Sherman, visited his brother-in-law, William Glenn, E. 35th street, last week. \* Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Dale have moved into their beautiful residence, 2322 E. 49th street. \* Elmer J. Cheeks made two trips to Detroit on government business. He stopped at the Statler hotel. \* Mrs. Fannie Suggs, the accomplished wife of Dr. J. T. Suggs, has been appointed teacher in the Cleveland public schools. Dr. Suggs loses a very competent "office girl." \* Mrs. J. E. Branham is able to be about. \* Mrs. Milton Crowler, of Carey church, who has been confined to Lakeside hospital, was removed to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Norman Tolbert, E. 49th street. \* The Women's Home Missionary Society of Cory church held its last meeting at Mrs. M. J. Nelson's, W. 110th street. Meeting next Wednesday afternoon at Mrs. Dodson's, E. 46th street. \* Mrs. Welcome T. Blue had charge of the splendid Mother's Day program at St. John's church Sunday morning. The paper by Mrs. E. F. Boyd, the duet by Mrs. Pearl Clegge and Mrs. Gladys Wells, the quartet number by Carroll Scott, T. J. Hicks and two other gentlemen, were deserving of special mention. \* Major J. C. Fulton, recently discharged from service "over there" on account of physical disability, has purchased a handsome home on Bessemer avenue, through Juriman C. Hudson, the real estate dealer, who made three similar sales the past week. Major Fulton was major of the old Ninth Battalion a number of years.

## Fleming Night a Success

The Attucks Republican Club and friends paid great tribute to their leader, Hon. Thomas W. Fleming, councilman from the 11th Ward, at its "Fleming Night" entertainment, given at its club rooms. Among the speakers were Director Lemar T. Beman, of the Mayor's cabinet; Maurice Maschke, Republican party leader of Cuyahoga county; Harry Gahn, president of City Council; Attorney Harry E. Davis; Sidney Thompson, foreman of the city street cleaning department, candidate for state representative; E. W. Sellers and Councilman Fleming. Music was furnished by the Imperial orchestra and entertainers from the Grand Central theater. The committee of arrangements were: J. C. Hudson, chairman; James Offer, W. H. Chaney, Dennis Fowler, Harry L. Kersey, M. D. Mason, E. W. Sellers, Dan Fairfax and W. H. Crawford. \* Furnished rooms for rent at Mrs. E. A. Nelson's, 11901 Moulton avenue. \* H. E. Rutledge, Atlanta, Ga., representative of the Firestone Mutual Insurance Co., capitalized by Atlanta enterprising Race men, has located at 3041 Central avenue. \* Mme. Henrietta Vinton Davis, Washington, D. C., will appear in recital at Cory church, May 20, under the auspices of Ladies' Aid No. 1. \* William Farnier, 2200 E. 35th street, is still very ill with pneumonia under the care of Dr. J. T. Suggs. \* Lieut. Tuck, Camp Sherman, was guest of Councilman and Mrs. Fleming last week. \* Harry E. Thompson, baritone, assisted Clarence White, the violinist, in a recital given in Pittsburgh this week. \* J. Berni Barbour and his "Oberlin Maids" at Engineers' hall, June 3, under the auspices of the church extension department of Shiloh Baptist church. \* W. A. Lewis, secretary of the Official Board of St. John's A. M. E. church, reports a profitable session of the Cleveland District Conference, held last week at Park Street A. M. E. church, Marion, Ohio, presided over by Rev. Charles Bundy, presiding elder Rev. J. S. Jackson, Rev. Childers and Mr. Lewis, delegate, also elected delegate to the annual conference in Dayton in September, attended from Cleveland.

Wilberforce, Ohio, May 17.—Last Wednesday Charles Bynum of the senior commercial class received a telegram at 10 a. m. announcing the death of his sister, Miss Beatrice Bynum. She was secretary to the Knights of King David, Durham, N. C. Mr. Bynum left for Durham Wednesday evening. \* Lorence Ramsey left for his home at Dunkirk, Ohio, after receiving a special telegram Tuesday evening, stating his sister is very ill. \* Russel Smith, who returned to the officers' training camp at Kansas, has pneumonia and is now in the hospital. \* The next quota of men left Wednesday, May 15, for the training camp at Iowa.

Loveland, Ohio, May 17.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hughes and sister, Miss Ailie Hughes, were visitors of Mrs. Ruth Whiteogw Sunday. \* Rev. J. W. Harmon was in Lockland Sunday. \* Rev. and Mrs. Price spent Sunday, April 28, in Cincinnati. \* John Ross, Cincinnati, spent Saturday and Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Ross. \* Edward Becka is sick. \* S. Bush, Madisonville, was here Sunday. \* Little Elizabeth Alsop is sick. \* Mrs. Emma Maxberry, Cincinnati, visited relatives here Sunday. \* James Maxberry is sick. \* A party was given in honor of little Zola Stockton at the residence of her Sunday school teacher, Mrs. J. W. Hammond, Saturday, May 4. Little Miss

Stockton will leave for Akron, where she will reside with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Watts. \* Mrs. Charles Adams charmingly filled the role of hostess at her residence on Elm street in compliment of her husband's 43d birthday anniversary. Quite a few of his friends were present and a number of presents were given him.

Toledo, Ohio, May 17.—Mr. and Mrs. L. Williams of 714 Maywood avenue had the honor of entertaining Mrs. Williams' aged grandmother for three days last week, of Dundee, Mich. \* Mrs. Evelene Redman of 822 City Park avenue visited her grandmother last week in Springfield, Ohio. \* The Odd Fellows' Order had its annual sermon preached at the Presbyterian church, corner City Park avenue and Pinewood avenue, Sunday, May 12. \* Mrs. Dollie Blanton of 235 Charles street is sick. \* The Mothers' Club had its annual sermon, preached at the Warren A. M. E. Church Sunday, May 12. \* The Phenix Club held its meeting last week at Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Gordon, 1229 Avondale avenue. \* The members of the Friendship Baptist Church held a service at jail for the benefit of the prisoners May 12. \* The St. Paul Zion Methodist Church rally Sunday, May 12, was a success. \* A baby show was held at the Warren A. M. E. Church Thursday evening, May 9. \* The Young Boys' Thrift Club will hold its meeting Saturday, May 18, at Mrs. Gorman's on Pinewood avenue.

Painesville, Ohio, May 17.—The Patriotic Service club met with Mrs. Nora Crooms Tuesday. \* Samuel Smithers, Wellsville, Ohio, visited his daughter, Mrs. Margaret Snowden, during the week. \* The Blue Ribbon club met with Wm. Lilly Tuesday. \* The Ladies' Social club met with Mrs. Nora Crooms Thursday. \* The play given by the Summers class of the Union Congregational Sunday school Friday was a success. \* Mrs. Cumming, Oberlin, spoke at the morning service at the Union Congregational church Mothers' day. \* John Smith spent Sunday in Akron at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alford Christian. \* Mrs. Ruby Gordon and daughter, Mildred and Mrs. Sara Bratton spent Thursday in Cleveland. \* Mr. Washington of Cleveland was here Sunday at the bedside of Geo. Washington, who is ill. \* Miss Florence Newman and Lewis Tate were married in Cleveland last week. Mrs. Tate is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Newman. \* Mr. and Mrs. H. T. McCall of Wickliffe, Ohio, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Taylor. \* Mr. and Mrs. John Crooms spent the week-end in Midland, Pa. \* Mrs. Lucy Smithers is visiting in Wellsville, Ohio.

Youngstown, Ohio, May 17.—Charles Sprag entertained at his residence, 414 W. Federal st. \* Ex-Patrolman Robt. H. Ford, Buffalo, N. Y., has decided to make Youngstown his home. \* Miss Mary Johnson and Miss Ilean Stansfield, Chicago, Ill., spent Sunday here while en route to New York city and Atlantic City. \* Miss Ruth Austin of Montreal, Can., is here. \* C. Ambross, Philadelphia, Pa., is here en route from Hot Springs to New York city. \* John Waters and Miss Blake are here from Toledo, O. \* Count De Tears and Wm. Taylor of Cleveland were here this month. \* Wm. Claws, C. Vaine, Robt. H. Ford, James Harris, Miss Peggio Perry, Miss Teddy Gates, Miss Louise Helm, Miss Ornett, Miss Lillian Madden and Miss Wilberlein Lee, formerly of Buffalo, are now residents here. \* Logan lodge, K. of P., will have their thanksgiving services preached at the First Baptist church next Sunday. \* Mrs. Wm. Riddort, 592 Marshall st., is decorating her residence.

Newark, Ohio, May 17.—Company M, U. R. K. of P., held their inspection at Castle hall Friday. \* Mrs. Fred Williams entertained at dinner Sunday evening in honor of Mrs. Edward Castelman, Philadelphia, Pa. \* Mrs. Wm.

Jones and Bessie Potter were guests of Mrs. Jones' nephew, Sergt. W. Leroy Carey, at Camp Sherman. \* Glenn Flood of Camp Sherman was the week end guest of Miss Beulah Rossin. \* Wm. Henry of Camp Sherman visited here Sunday. \* Mrs. Verna Champ, who has been attending the Mt. Vernon Business College, was guest of Mrs. Florence Rossin Friday. \* Geo. Berry, Chicago, is visiting here. \* Co. M, U. R. K. of P., went to Springfield Sunday as the guest of the lodge of that city. \* The Women's Home Missionary Society of Trinity A. M. E. church gave a program Sunday. \* Mrs. Moses Jasper visited in Cincinnati. \* Henry Coleman was a Columbus visitor Wednesday. \* Mrs. Robert G. Anderson entertained the Nimble Thimble club Thursday at her home. \* Mrs. Harley Flack is spending the week in Columbus. \* The Silver Leaf club gave a mock wedding at Trinity Monday. \* Circle No. 11 met with Rev. G. L. Hicks Monday. \* Circle No. 3 gave a social at Trinity Thursday.

Oberlin, O., May 17.—Mrs. Williams and husband are visiting her sister on South Park street. \* Earl Allan is home on a furlough. \* Aid No. 1 was entertained in the church parlor Wednesday, May 8, by Henry Godette. \* Temple Aid No. 2 held their meeting with Mrs. James Winfield, 111 Main street. \* Lewis Hurd of Cleveland is here visiting his mother. \* Miss Gladys Dyer spent Sunday, May 12, with her uncle in Cleveland.

Toledo, Ohio, May 17.—Mrs. E. A. Lewis entertained Rev. C. P. Dixon, Hamilton, Canada, and Prof. E. S. Johnson, Mexico, Saturday at the M. E. Mission, Canton avenue. \* Luther Rogers, Toledo, Ohio, died of pneumonia at his home, 1729 Ketchum street. He leaves a wife and three children.