

THE BUCKEYE STATE

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Cleveland, Ohio, June 4.—Sunday morning the entire community was shocked at the news of the death of William Wheeler, the veteran barber, but more recently attendant at the new Central Avenue Public Bath house. Five weeks ago he was taken sick while on duty at the bath house, having overtaxed himself, as he had not entirely recovered from his illness of last winter. Saturday he was removed to Lakeside hospital in an unconscious state and died there Sunday morning. He leaves one daughter, one son and a sister, Mrs. Levi Plinn of Akron, Ohio. Further particulars in next issue. • The Metropolitan Club, Robert Hodges, president, entertained at Sojak's hall Monday evening. Many out-of-town guests were present. • Rev. Saul A. Lucas, representing the Cleveland sub-agency of the American Bible Society, 2316 E. 55th street, preached two soul-stirring sermons Sunday, in the morning at Mt. Haven Baptist church and in the evening at Second Emmanuel Baptist, 79th and Quincy. • Frederick L. Archer, Bellefontaine, Ohio, was the Decoration day guest of his sister, Mrs. O. B. Moss of the Central Avenue hotel. • Miss Arminia Jeffries, Holly Springs, Miss., stenographer and bookkeeper of the new Empire Savings and Loan bank, 2316 E. 55th st., is stopping with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Berryman of E. 55th st. • Judge W. L. Jamison, attorney and counselor at law, who arrived recently from Topeka, Kan., to cast his lot in Cleveland, has located at 3713 Central avenue. His family will join him soon. • The L. S. C. club entertained at the residence of Mrs. Lottie Stewart of Blaine avenue Monday night. • The baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chinn was baptized at St. Andrews Episcopal church Sunday morning. • Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Wright, Chicago, were guests of their daughters, Mrs. Raymond Smith and Miss Helen Wright, over Decoration day. • The funeral of Mrs. Josephine Robinson, 2216 E. 105th street, took place from East Mount Zion Baptist church, a daughter arrived from Los Angeles, Cal. • The I. B. C. entertainers at the home of Mrs. Lottie Stewart, Blaine avenue, this Friday, June 4. • Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Lemon, Mr. and Mrs. William McIntire and Minerva Taylor composed a party that motored to Painesville Monday and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith. • Dr. and Mrs. P. H. Weaver entertained for their guest, Miss Alma Best, Pittsburg, at their palatial residence on Cedar avenue Saturday night. • Councilman and Mrs. Thomas W. Fleming, S. E. Woods, Sidney B. Thompson, Attorney A. H. Martin, W. W. Williams, Dana English and Oscar B. Moss are among the many Clevelanders who leave this week for the big national convention in Chicago. Mr. Fleming is an alternate Harding delegate at large. Mrs. Fleming represents the advisory committee of the executive committee of the Ohio Women's Republican Club. Mr. Thompson will be door-keeper and Mr. English assistant sergeant-at-arms at the convention. • M. H. Gassaway, injured several weeks ago at Cedar and 37th streets by a street car, is able to be out. M. H. Gassaway & Son's broom factory is located at Arthur avenue and Woodhill road. Mr. Gassaway has one son at Western Reserve University and one at Howard University in Washington. • Mrs. Christiana Little, 2217 East 43d street, has returned from a delightful visit in Columbus as the guest of her cousin, Mrs. K. Burk. She also visited Mrs. Lowery in Massillon en route home. • John Alexander, 3459 Dearborn street, Chicago, is spending the week with his sister, Mrs. Charles Turner, 10607 Greenlawn avenue, this city. Mr. Alexander is head of the decoration department of the mammoth Mecca apartments, 34th and State street, Chicago. • Clarence Taylor, 2740 Central avenue, was found dead in a vat at the Peerless automobile plant on Quincy avenue last Tuesday night following an explosion of a chemical. He died from burns sustained in the explosion. King Solomon lodge No. 2, A. F. & A. M., turned out

Tuesday night in his honor. • Mrs. James Offer, president, won the prize at the bean guessing contest of the Optimistic Club at the residence of Mrs. Annie Thomas, 3215 Scoville avenue. There were 1,200 beans in the jar and Mrs. Offer guessed 1,260. • Mrs. John Handy has returned to Boston after a pleasant visit with her sister on Cedar avenue. • Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Crawford entertained at a croquet party Monday afternoon and evening. • The Apollo Club gave a surprise on Raymond Smith, and W. L. Gibson read an excellent paper on "Things That Never Die," which added materially to the spirit of the party. • Mrs. B. O. Harvey, 2490 East 33d street, gave a reception Thursday evening, May 20, in honor of Miss Battle G. Robinson, 53 East 42d street, Chicago. After spending a delightful time in Cleveland she returned to her home Sunday. • Mr. and Mrs. Stokes, 3035 Cedar avenue, have returned from Florida, where they spent several months for the benefit of Mr. Stokes' health. • Mr. and Mrs. James Graham of Louisville, Ky., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Spears, 2369 East 40th street. • Mrs. Lottie Stewart, Blaine avenue, was a pleasing hostess to the L. S. C. Club. A splendid paper on "Value of Religious Culture" was read by Mrs. Mae Wilson. Mrs. Mabel Reynolds of Kansas City and Mrs. Grace Lucas were special guests. • Mrs. Emma Richardson visited her daughter, Mrs. Florence Green, 2283 East 103d street, last week after spending a delightful winter in Florida. • Mrs. Trimble, 36th and Cedar streets, is critically ill. • Mr. and Mrs. Washington arrived from Louisville, Ky., and are stopping with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ross, 2210 East 35th street. • Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Green have sold their beautiful home at 2288 East 103d street and are moving to Yakima Valley, Wash. Mrs. Green and daughter Mildred will spend the summer in Chautauque, N. Y., joining Mr. Green in the west. • In the baseball game May 23 the Waco Giants defeated the Oberlin Athletics, 7 to 6. The Giants had a little slump in the second inning, but rallied, winning with ease. Batteries for Oberlin, Queen and Robinson; Giants, Redd, Britton and Sisco. • Colonel Otis B. Duncan and Dr. Leroy Bundy arrived in the city and will deliver two thrilling messages to the people of Cleveland Friday evening, June 4, at 8 o'clock, at Engineers' Hall, corner St. Clair and Ontario streets. Colonel Duncan's subject will be "The Reconstruction." He was the highest ranking colored officer overseas. Dr. Bundy will speak on "The New Negro." • Mme. Kittle-Skeene Mitchell, soprano, will be the soloist, and Miss Madeline Clarke, pianist and accompanist. Tickets, 55 cents; reserved seats, \$1.10, including war tax. On sale at Jackson's pharmacy, People's pharmacy and the Brown drug store. • Erlco Hill, 2325 East 31st street, has purchased a moving picture machine and will leave soon for Columbus, Tenn., to open a theater. • Mrs. A. J. Stillard of Wheeling, W. Va., supreme grand master of the Daughters of the Sphinx, was in the city the first of the week on lodge business. She was royally entertained by Mrs. Lewis, matron of Ruby Court, Monday night. Mrs. Swoon entertained her at 2 o'clock dinner and Mrs. Paris and Mrs. Webster also, covers being laid for eight. Mrs. Stillard was the house guest of Mrs. C. Little of East 43d street during her visit in the city. • George W. Johnson left Thursday for Chicago to attend the national Republican convention. • Councilman T. W. Fleming and wife will be the guests of Mrs. Mary Clark, 4104 Grand boulevard, while in Chicago. • Nathaniel Berry and Mrs. Virgie S. Day were married Thursday evening of this week. Both are well known in St. John's church circles. • George W. Sampson is expected in the city during the week, having spent the winter and spring with his son, Prof. George Sampson, and family, in Jacksonville, Fla. • Harry Z. Davis has announced his candidacy for state representative at the Republican primaries in August. Sidney B. Thompson will also be a candidate for the legislature. Lyman O. Newell, city park commissioner, has announced himself as candidate for county recorder. He is a great friend of the Race and should receive the support of our group at the Republican primaries. • Rev. Redman returned from the general conference at Des Moines and preached two powerful sermons Sunday at Cory church. His family arrived from Paris, Ky., to remain. • Mrs. Leroy Hamilton and Miss Virginia Swan returned to Columbus after a delightful visit in the city as the guests of Alexander Swan, East 40th street, and Mrs. William Atkins, East 86th street. Among those who entertained for them were Mrs. Atkins and Mrs. Davenport of East 85th street. • Mrs. Atkins' mother is visiting in Columbus for the summer. They will meet in Wilberforce during the commencement. • Attorney Francis E. Young, president of the local branch, Attorney Harry B. Davis and sister, Miss Genevieve Davis; Mrs.

Presley, Hooker Page and Mr. Jolliffe (white) of the 38th street playground, are in Atlanta, Ga., at the N. A. A. C. P. convention. • Miss Steen Thomas, 2235 East 71st street, is visiting her aunt in Zanesville. • Mrs. Crazetta Smallwood (Gordon) has moved to 2219 East 73d street. • The Myllene class of St. John's Sunday school gave a shower for Miss Ethel Miles Tuesday evening. She is to be married soon. • Mrs. Eva Hill and son, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Smallwood, Canton, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Harris Sunday en route to Toledo on a motoring trip. • The Dumas Dramatic Club present the comedy, "The Adventures of Grandpa," at East Tech high auditorium this Friday evening, June 4. Admission, with war tax, 25 cents. • Mr. and Mrs. Orville Hurst and Mr. and Mrs. Irving arrived from Detroit Monday to attend the funeral of their uncle, William Wheeler. • Lloyd Loomis and Chester Ames, son of Dr. Ames, were the week-end guests of J. Walter Willis, Jr., Mitchell & Oliver, proprietors of the new Golden West cafe, 3929 Scoville avenue, report a rapidly growing business. Here is the personnel of part of the committee in charge of the Duncan-Bundy lecture at Engineers' Hall this Friday evening: Rev. J. S. Jackson, Rev. H. C. Bailey, Carroll Scott, Clifford Bundy, E. P. Boyd, Dr. J. T. Suggs, T. M. Farlie, Mrs. J. T. Suggs, Mrs. T. W. Fleming, Miss Lucille Fleming, Dr. Garvin, Attorney W. R. Green, Major W. J. Anderson, George P. Hinton, Robert Hodges, R. L. Sisco, Miss Hazel Mountain, Robert Crowler, L. P. Ballard, Harry Walker, Hazo Morris, Sidney B. Thomas, Arthur Wade, Daniel Fairfax, Rev. B. K. Smith, Rev. Jones, Elmer Cheeks, J. J. Arnold, H. P. Chumney, Councilman Fleming, Dr. B. A. Bailey, Warren Hansbury, Miss Madeline Lightfoot, Arthur Talbot, Rev. Dr. O'Connell will offer the invocation. • Dr. Garvin delivered a highly appreciated lecture on health before Lemuel T. Boyd's post of the American Legion at the Community House. The post and other world war veterans made a splendid showing in the Memorial day parade on Monday. • Mr. and Mrs. William Brewer and daughter, Miss Blanche, of East 103d street, with a number of other members of the Christian Alliance tabernacle, spent Monday in Warren. • Mr. and Mrs. Alfred B. Copas, 8719 Anderson avenue, had as guests Sunday and Monday Mr. and Mrs. Orlando White, Mrs. Dent, and Mrs. Blanche Newsome and William McKinley on a motoring trip from Detroit. Mr. and Mrs. Copas celebrated their fifth marriage anniversary Wednesday evening. • Mr. and Mrs. Mark Bradford of Birmingham, Ala., announce the marriage of their daughter Ethel to W. E. Brewer of Cleveland on April 29. Miss Marie Morgan was bridesmaid and Willis White, best man. At home at 2669 East 17th street, Cleveland. • Rev. Robert J. Jefferson, pastor St. Paul A. M. E. church, Covington, Ga., passed through the city last week en route from the A. M. E. general conference at St. Louis. He stopped with Mrs. Lulu Wright, 10510 Frank avenue. • Tony Yates' orchestra plays a six days' engagement in Jackson, Mich., beginning Saturday, June 5. The following is the personnel: Tony Yates, banjo; Harry Draper, violin; Edward Starr, saxophone; Ray Wood, piano, and Harry Fields, drums. • Theodore Slaughter spent the week-end with relatives in Urbana. • Mrs. Grace Robinson was found dead on the floor of her home, 2373 East 36th street, Monday morning of last week. Death was from heart disease, it is said. Slaughter Brothers had charge of the funeral. • Mrs. Elizabeth Howell discovered the body lying on the floor of the bedroom. • Mrs. Abigail McElroy of the Goodrich Rubber Company of Akron spent the week-end with her mother on Cedar avenue. • The marriage of Mrs. Leonora McKinney, widow of the late J. W. (Mack) McKinney, who died in Cleveland several years ago, to Fred Douglas Smith, a well known young man of Springfield, has been announced here. Mrs. McKinney and children have been living in Springfield the past fifteen months and visiting here two weeks ago. • Rev. and Mrs. W. G. Thurston have purchased the residence of Mr. and Mrs. David Quinn, 2236 East 103d street. Mr. and Mrs. Quinn are located in their recently purchased home on East 35th street. • Mrs. James Owens of Montgomery avenue is able to be out after several months' illness. • Don't fail to attend the first annual ball of El Hama Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Zimmerman's auditorium Monday evening, June 7. • The "stork special" visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Barksdale, 2635 Central avenue, and left a fine daughter, Bernice Barksdale. Mother and daughter are doing fine. • Miss Nellie Prince, a resident of the Phyllis Wheatley Association, was severely injured by an auto at the corner of Central avenue and 10th street Thursday evening of last week. The driver (white) tried to make his getaway, but was overtaken by the drivers of a

truck and two motorcycles, all members of the Race, who witnessed the accident. He was turned over to the police. Miss Prince is recovering at St. Luke's Hospital, it is said. • The Twentieth Century Club, Mrs. Bonella Douglass, president, entertained royally about 75 of their friends Monday afternoon in the beautiful assembly room of the Central Avenue Munny bath house. Dreamy and snappy music was rendered by Mrs. Dimple Slaughter at the piano and her brother, A. Ferguson, at the drums. This is the third community hall that has been christened by this club of many of our leading society women, the others christened being the Cleveland Community Center and the Phyllis Wheatley Association annex during the presidency of Mrs. Joe Lucas. • The Lincoln Hospital is to be established in Cleveland under the jurisdiction of the Cleveland Hospital Association, supported by over 250 members of our churches. The staff will be composed of both races and will be conducted for the benefit of all races on the same plan as Provident Hospital in Chicago, according to Dr. Joe Thomas, who is fostering the movement. A white head nurse will have charge of the nurses' training school. The branches from Shiloh, Mount Haven, Cory, Tridestone and Second Emmanuel churches are leading in the drive for the establishment of the hospital. Dr. H. A. Dale is president of the association. • Cleveland Uniform Rank Pythians, including Company B, Capt. Samuel Richardson, commanding; Company K, with Capt. L. H. Gray in command; Royal Calantha drill corps No. 1, Capt. Mary LaSante, in command, were in Lorain Sunday as guests of Rising Sun lodge No. 52, J. H. Ferguson, C. C. of that city. Rev. George W. Hopewell, B. D., sergeant in the British Imperial army, second crack regiment, East Yorkshire, England, was the speaker of the day. The services were held in the Chamber of Commerce hall. Rev. J. B. Williams preached the sermon. Pythian Court No. 41, Mrs. Catherine McGee, W. O., was in attendance. The parade was one of the finest ever held in the city. The mayor of the city spoke and gave the city over to the visitors. It was this mayor who ordered a restaurant keeper to remove a discriminating sign under penalty of being closed during the meeting of the Pythian grand lodge in 1917. Royal Calantha drill corps is said to have taken the city by storm by its wonderfully attractive appearance. • The first neighborhood concert of the Central Bath Munny chorus, composed of the children of Sterling, Brownell and Marion schools, will be held in the assembly room of the Central avenue public bath house this Thursday evening, June 3. Admission will be free. In addition to the children mentioned in last week's Defender the Misses Agnes Kraiger and Mildred Clarkson will take part, as well as many others. J. Walter Willis, Sr., will entertain the children with several whistling solos. Remember, the showers and club rooms are for the use of the boys and girls and men and women of all races in the community. For dates see the superintendent, Alexander O. Taylor, Bell phone, Prospect 2837. • Persons desiring the Defender delivered weekly at their homes will please notify the Defender general agent at 3955 Central avenue, Rosedale 4130, or at the Central avenue bath house, 2530 Central avenue (Prospect 2837). Boys can get copies of the Defender at the bath house as well as at the office. Boys wanted to sell in Collinwood and on the West Side. Excellent opportunity to make vacation money. Robert Scott, 2187 East 30th street, is one of the latest carriers in the East End. • Portsmouth, Ohio, June 4.—Mrs. Thomas Rogers and Mrs. Virgil Harris of Huntington, W. Va., have returned home after spending a few days with friends here. • A mock wedding was given Thursday evening at the Findlay street church. Before the wedding several nice selections were rendered. • A chicken supper was given at the home of Mrs. Thomas Taylor Thursday evening. The supper was given for the benefit of the Pleasant Green Baptist church. • Prof. W. B. Ferguson, formerly of this city, but now of Richmond, Va., spent a few days here visiting relatives and friends. • Mrs. Taylor, who for the past year has been cook for Mr. and Mrs. Dill, died at the home of Mrs. Hendricks on Washington street Tuesday, May 25. • The many friends of Charles Dandrige will be glad to know he is improving.