

THE BUCKEYE STATE

By Alexander O. Taylor
Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 14.—George W. Johnson, mail clerk and member of the Cleveland Association of Colored Men, died Thursday of heart trouble at his residence, 1348 Oregon avenue. The deceased was a native of Ann Arbor, Mich., and was well known in business circles, being a former athletic instructor-stock broker. His widow, Mrs. Myrtle Means Johnson, well known pianist at the Alpha Theater, has the sympathy of the Defender. * Mrs. Ted James of Delaware, Ohio, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. James Allen, 2353 East 51st street. * Mrs. Theola Ford, Bessemer avenue, has as her guest her mother, Mrs. Ford, Grand Rapids, Mich. Dr. and Mrs. Garvin entertained in their honor last week. * The Optimistic Club meets with Mrs. J. Hatter, 244 East 16th street, Wednesday, Jan. 19. Among the officers elected were Mrs. James Offer, president (re-elected); Mrs. Ida Fontaine, vice president; Mrs. Ella Johnson, treasurer; Mrs. Willie Randall, secretary. * Thomas W. Fleming, Jr., returned to Ann Arbor, Mich., to resume his studies at the University of Michigan after a delightful holiday vacation spent with his parents, Councilman and Mrs. T. W. Fleming. * Dr. J. D. Stewart, 16566 Cedar avenue, was recently appointed examining dental surgeon for the U. S. war risk insurance. Dr. Stewart is one of our most promising young dentists, a graduate of W. R. C., 1920. * The annual meeting of the Phyllis Wheatley Association will be held in the Y. W. C. A. Tuesday evening, Jan. 18. Paul Feiss (white), one of our leading philanthropic citizens, will be the speaker. Movies will be given showing the splendid work being accomplished by the worthy institution. * Misses Grace and Melvina Lomax, the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lomax, 2314 East 35th street, were greatly responsible for the composition of the recent holiday publication of St. Bridget Catholic school, "The Holly Wreath." The former furnished the "bright sayings" and the latter was the critic. Both are students of the school, having been born and raised Catholics in Mobile, Ala. * William Bass, well known business man, 30th and Central, succeeded Jersey Gordon as night watchman at the city hall. Mr. Gordon is now head houseman of Governor Harry L. Davis' mansion in Columbus. * Wm. E. Fontaine, the well known Cleveland tenor with Irving C. Miller's "Broadway Blastus," writes the Cleveland Defender correspondent that he is still with that company. At Lincoln Theater, Beaumont, Texas, this week, and Houston, Texas, week of Jan. 17 at the Washington Theater. * James Brown of East Tech High and Marion (Trimbone) Davis of Central High staged an exciting boxing exhibition of three rounds at the Central avenue bath house before a large crowd of boy students last week Friday night. Brown proved to be one of the most promising candidates for the professional field by his scientific work. * The entertainment was under the auspices of the Alpine Stars' basketball team. * Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Auther returned from a delightful trip to Detroit, where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Anderson, and attended the assembly ball. * Mrs. Jeanette Reese of Fremont, Ohio, was the guest of Mrs. R. A. Coram, 1545 Winton avenue, Lakewood, last week. * The annual mid-winter convention of branch No. 2 of the Christian and Missionary Alliance will be held in the Alliance Tabernacle, 2339 East 95th street, Jan. 16 to Jan. 20. The public is invited. Mrs. E. H. Smoot, superintendent, Rev. E. J. Collett and other great speakers will be in attendance. * Fred Berry of Arthur avenue returned from Newark, Ohio, where he was called by the death of his step-mother, Mrs. James Berry. * Mrs. C. C. Hart returned to her home in Washington C. H., Ohio, after spending the holidays with her mother and sisters of Lawnview avenue. * Mrs. Allie Mae Childers Fitzgerald of Springfield, Ohio, left on Saturday for Los Angeles, Cal., to spend the winter. * Mrs. C. M. Morris left with her two sons, George and Alva, Tuesday for their home in Morgan Park, Ill., after spending the holidays with her mother on Lawnview avenue. * Mrs. A. A. Taylor of East 103d street royally entertained the Present Day Club at its regular meeting last week Tuesday. Parliamentary laws were studied after which the hostess served a fine luncheon. Next meeting Tuesday evening, Jan. 18, with Mrs. Charles Warren, 305 East 90th street. * Confirmation services were held last Sunday at St. Andrew's Episcopal church, Bishop Leonard confirming a class of 26. * Miss Mary C. Evans, the wonderful evangelist of Indianapolis, is holding a series of revival meetings at St. John A. M. E. church. She preached two soul stirring sermons Sunday. The Sunday school, P. W. Lemon, superintendent, has led the city the past three Sundays, an unprecedented record for a Race school. The attendance last Sunday was 365. * Mrs. W. H. Goodwin, accompanied by her daughter, Annie Laurie, is spending the holidays with her brother, E. R. Brown and wife, 3708 Central avenue. They reside at 3452 Indiana avenue, Chicago, and are being royally entertained during their visit here. * Mme. Frances E. Motin, H. B., noted as a dramatic reader and evangelist, filled the pulpit at St. John A. M. E. church Sunday night week. She is a wonderful speaker, inspirational, electrifying large congregations. Mme. Motin is also known as the best dramatic reader of the Race and is much admired by the lovers of the art in Cleveland. * James Owen, 2343 East 85th street, was quite sick the past ten days. * Miss Mabel Fox of East 46th street entertained in honor of Mrs. V.



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H. Goodwin of Chicago, Mrs. Ada Howard and others Friday evening, 9 to 12. Dancing and a midnight supper furnished the evening's amusement. Covers were laid for 18. * 121 Hiasa Temple of Shriners held its annual election of officers with the following result: George L. Ross (re-elected), potentate; Otto Reddis, chief rabbi; A. J. Thompson, assistant; Joseph W. Brown, first C. master; John W. Dent, second C. master; C. P. Lancaster, recorder; Fred Clark, treasurer; Thomas W. Walker, high priest and prophet; J. H. Davis, oriental guide; Oscar Davis, captain of guard; Wm. H. Barber, guard; I. W. Butler, director of Oriental band; C. J. Ramsey, marshal. A large class crossed the hot sands at the semi-annual initiation, the work being under the supervision of East Potentate Charles L. Gordon, ably assisted by Noble Partidge of Persian Temple, Indianapolis, Ind. Other visitors from Nogales, Ariz., Houston, Texas; Huntington, W. Va., did their bit in assisting the weary pilgrims across the desert. Other announcements in next issue. * Miss Marie Taylor of E. 73d street had as dinner guests last Sunday Rev. and Mrs. Saul A. Lucas. * The Mitylene class of St. John's Sunday school was royally entertained by its teacher, Mrs. Wadon Ingram, at her pretty home, 10212 Morrison avenue, last Tuesday evening. A fine program was rendered by the following participants: Elsie Harris and Madeline Lightfoot, readings; Celestine Davis and Mabel Scott, vocal numbers; Kathleen Holland and Alice Stourd, piano, ending with a quartet number. The girls are arranging to give a concert in the near future, the proceeds of which will go toward educating one of our girls who is attending one of our Southern schools. * Mr. and Mrs. George L. Ross were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Grant of Michigan avenue and Mr. and Mrs. Charles James of Chicago during the holidays. * Councilman and Mrs. T. W. Fleming and several others left Sunday evening to attend the inaugural services of Governor Harry L. Davis in Columbus. Phil list will appear next week. * The Missionary Society of Mount Zion Congregational church held its annual election of officers Monday, Jan. 3, at the residence of Mrs. E. A. Dale, 2332 East 49th street. Prominent among the retiring officers were Mrs. L. C. Fleming, president; Mrs. Rose E. Stowers, secretary, and Mrs. Doris Brown, treasurer. Mrs. Fleming has served as president for five years consecutively, during which time she has had the hearty co-operation of the secretary and treasurer. Each year the church has been able to fulfill its every obligation which not infrequently involved a budget exceeding \$300. The Defender hopes the new officers will measure up to the high standard of efficiency shown by the retiring officers. * Mrs. Pearl Cleage, 2228 East 90th street, entertained at dinner Sunday in honor of Mrs. Ida B. Wells of East 37th street, who with baby Constance Green leaves Monday for a visit with friends in Philadelphia. Kelson Jackson of Wickliffe was among the guests. * Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Brown, 3708 Central avenue, entertained at turkey dinner in royal style Friday last. * Jimmie Marshall and wife, Ruth Cherry, formerly of the "Smarter Set" Colored players in "Puss Puss" were at the Empire Theater last week. * Dr. J. K. Nickens was again re-elected president of the Dunbar Literary Society at Shiloh Baptist church last week. Other officers

will appear in next issue. The participants on the program this week were: Thomas Davis, Catherine and Roblo Henry, Alex Williams, Mrs. Waddell, S. C. Owens, H. J. Scott, Marion Crowe, Lucy Gibson and Della Thomas, Paul Washington and William Barnett. * Miss Emma Howell, 2417 East 82d street, is making good as probation officer in the juvenile court. Miss Lucille Fleming has resumed her duties as parole officer in the police court after several weeks' illness. * Joseph J. Jackson, 2708 Berkshire road, spent the holidays as guest of Miss Mary Brown of Toledo and Miss Louie Tucker and Miss Grace Myers of Cincinnati. * Miss Stean L. Thomas of East 71st street, who underwent a successful operation at Charity hospital recently, is recovering slowly. * Clinton Tyler is sick at his home, 2181 East 86th street. * The Primrose Whist Club gave its annual banquet at the Cleveland Community Center, 2552 East 40th street, last Saturday evening. It was said to be the grandest affair of the season. Miss Frances Fishback had full charge of the arrangements, assisted by Mrs. Ida Brown. The menu was prepared by Thomas Hall, formerly of Boston. Covers were laid for 36. Cut flowers adorned the tables. Dance music was furnished by an orchestra. It was an affair long to be remembered. E. D. Fuller is president and Mrs. Sarah Block secretary. * Miss Charlotte Griffin, South Bend, Ind., is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Virginia Keigle, 2262 East 40th street. * David Scott of Des Moines, Iowa, is the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Laid Strother, 2707 Marion avenue. * Mrs. I. S. McHenry, 3203 Central avenue, who was thrown from a street car recently sustaining severe injuries, is improving under the care of Dr. V. O. Beek. Mr. McHenry has returned from a delightful visit with his mother in New Orleans, La., whom he has not seen for twenty years. * Monroe Price, 63d and Woodland, was a victim of holidays while on his way home last Friday night. * The Defender correspondent and wife had as breakfast guests Sunday morning Phil A. Jones, business manager of the Chicago Defender, and Archie J. Morgan, vice president and manager of the Cleveland Call. * Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Weir of East 38th street had as holiday guests Mr. Weir's sister, Mrs. Abie Anderson of Dayton and cousin, Mrs. Esther Banks, popular school teacher of Xenia; also Jack Thomas of Athens, Ohio. * Mrs. Wm. Todd, 2458 Marion avenue, had as guest for the holidays Mrs. Mabel Segree (nee Howard) and husband of Youngstown, newly-weds of a month. They were also entertained by Mrs. Jessie Dobins, 2361 East 43d street. * Mrs. Ida Shorts, 2704 Central avenue, returned from Chicago where she visited her aged brother who was ill. Miss Susie Stewart, student at Ohio State University, delegate to the recent Alpha Kappa Beta, spent the holidays here as guest of Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Stewart, 16566 Cedar avenue. * Mr. and Mrs. William McIntire, East 85th street, spent the holidays in Akron as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Christian and Mr. and Mrs. St. Clair Williams. * Edward Pickles, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pickles, 2290 East 106th street, was buried last week. A. R. Tuck & Co. being the funeral directors. The boy was also a nephew of Mrs. L. Nickens. * Archie Lindley of Detroit spent the New Year holidays in the city as guest of his mother and aunt, Mrs. Lulu Webb and Mrs. Ida Belle Owens, 2342 East 85th

street. * Rev. G. R. Pratt, pastor of Ebenezer church of Sandusky was married to Mrs. R. H. Lee at her residence, 2423 East 82d street, Jan. 4. Rev. E. M. Williams of Union Baptist church performed the ceremony. * The remains of Private Paul Flagg, world war veteran, who died in France, were interred here last week. His body arriving from France three weeks ago. He served with headquarters company 305 F. A.-84, and was the son of Mrs. Long, 2923 Scoville avenue. He was buried with full military honors under the auspices of Lemuel T. Boydston post 89 of the American Legion, Harry J. Walker commander. The firing squad and pall-bearers included the following members of the post: Harry J. Walker, commander; S. A. Carter, trumpeter; Charlie Dean, J. L. Williams, Geo. L. Willis, Emory Smith, E. Simpson, H. A. Gibson. * Mrs. Anna May Garrett, Mrs. Madeline Taylor and George and John Taylor, 2349 East 40th street, were called to Pittsburgh by the death of their brother-in-law, Henry Holmes. * Geneva, Ohio, Jan. 14.—Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Mitchell and family took Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Green at Ashtabula. * Mr. and Mrs. Green came up from Ashtabula Sunday night and brought the children quite a lot of nice things for New Year's. The parents were not forgotten. * Toledo, Ohio, Jan. 14.—Mrs. Lillie Krohn of 370 Wabash avenue is sick. * Arthur Coins of 534 Indiana avenue is able to be out again. * Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bradshaw of 510 Indiana avenue, entertained with a New Year dinner Mr. and Mrs. A. Jones and son, Alfred, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Waldo, Mr. and Mrs.

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Johnson and daughter, Eunice; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Easley and Master Leroy Cramer and brother. * Mrs. W. L. Easley of 560 Indiana avenue has returned home after spending the holidays with her mother at Ft. Wayne, Ind. * Mrs. S. F. Ballard of 365 Wabash avenue is sick. * E. B. Wanzo has returned from Cleveland, Ohio, where he spent a few days on business. * Calvin Ingram of 1207 Crystal street is still sick. * Chas. A. Cottrill of 736 Norwood avenue has been confined to bed for two weeks, but is better.

Kent, Ohio, Jan. 14.—The Alhambra Social Club will give their second grand function at Armstrong Hall on Friday, Jan. 14th. * The Rev. Mr. Tighe was entertained at dinner on last Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. McMoore at their home on Dodge street. * Mr. Simpkins, who was injured at the Erie round house in the early spring, is somewhat improved. * Mrs. A. M. Harvey is confined to bed at her home on West Elm street. * W. S. Clark of Kentucky is ill at the hospital car on West Elm street. Samuel Shane entertained a number of friends on last Sunday.

Woodville, Ohio, Jan. 14.—Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Flowers of Port Clinton was called to the bedside of Mrs. Emma Graham, Mrs. Flower's sister. * Mrs. Mary Hicks, Mrs. Bessie L. Cooper and Amelia Kemp left for Sandusky. * Mrs. Lora Kemp arrived here Sunday from Hampton, where she spent Xmas. * Mrs. Hanna Dolerson is sick. * Rev. R. C. Hicks was in Fremont Sunday, where he preached for Rev. Annus at 11 a. m. * Rev. Blackman returned from Port Clinton and found a fine girl baby in his home.